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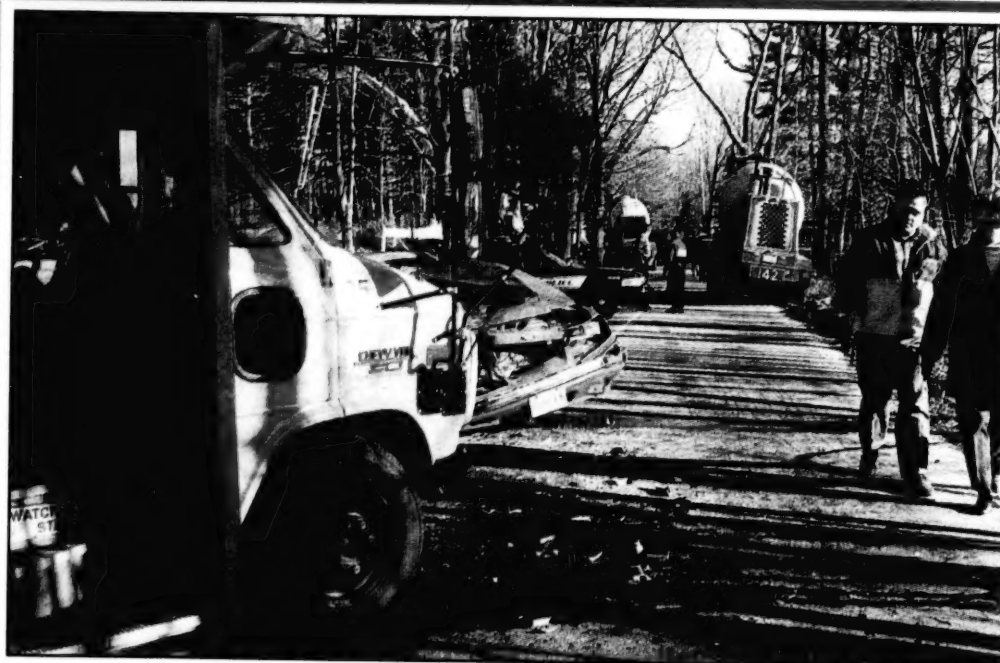


Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Bus bashed — A school bus carrying students from the Lawrence Collaborative School was struck head-on Monday afternoon by a Ford Mustang driven by Jeffrey Sidlik, of Methuen. At right, Carol Znamierowski, transportation coordinator, and Ken Jacques, head of operations for the Assist Medical Transportation, which operates the bus service, walk past the damaged vehicles. Two students were taken to the hospital, but they were treated and released to their parents.

Mustang collides with school bus

By Rebecca Lipchitz

A driver who was allegedly speeding while attempting to drive around a cement truck parked on the side of Osgood Street and collided head-on with a school bus Monday afternoon, was also allegedly fleeing a hit-and-run accident.

Police say Jeffrey Sidlik, 26, of Methuen, had struck another vehicle shortly before he sped off and then collided with the bus in front of 86 Osgood St.

The school bus, coming from the Lawrence Collaborative School, was also driving around a cement truck waiting at the side of the road, about 100 yards up the

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Selectmen add to youth services

By Neil Fater

What a difference a week — and two selectmen — make, especially for Andover's Youth Services Department.

One week after the Board of Selectmen voted 4-0 against funding for a new program assistant for youth services, they reversed field Monday and voted 3-1 to add the new position.

What changed in seven days time? The board itself, to some degree.

While Selectman and Andover Youth Foundation co-founder Larry Larsen was absent from last week's meeting, he attended Monday's meeting. Chairman John Hess was absent from this Monday's meeting.

With Hess absent, Larsen joined Lori Becker and Brian Major in voting to recommend that Town Meeting approve the new position as part of next year's budget.

The vote represented selectman's first split with the budget recommended by

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Teen charged in I-495 shooting

By Neil Fater

State police arrested a 17-year-old Lawrence High School student at school Tuesday and charged him with firing a BB gun and hitting at least 11 cars driving along Interstate 495 South in Andover last Thursday.

The student, Nathan R. Karpinski, 17, of 128 Mt. Vernon St., Lawrence, was arraigned Tuesday and ordered held on \$1,000 cash bail.

Sgt. Tim White, of the state police public affairs office, says all of the vehicles targeted were traveling through Andover between 7 and 8 p.m. near the Chandler Street overpass when they were struck.

Police believe Karpinski used a BB gun to shoot at cars, says White.

"He's being charged with assault by means of a dangerous weapon, 11 counts. There may be more victims to follow, though. We also have malicious destruction of property, 11 counts," says Trooper Richard Chase, of the Andover state police barracks.

Chase was one of the troopers to respond to the scene after several people called both state and local police to report the incidents. While parked on the side of the highway, Chase says he saw a limousine hit.

"I was there at the scene when these kids did the last one," says Chase.

White says police interviewed three kids found in the area shortly after the shooting, but no arrests were made at that time.

White does not rule out further arrests.

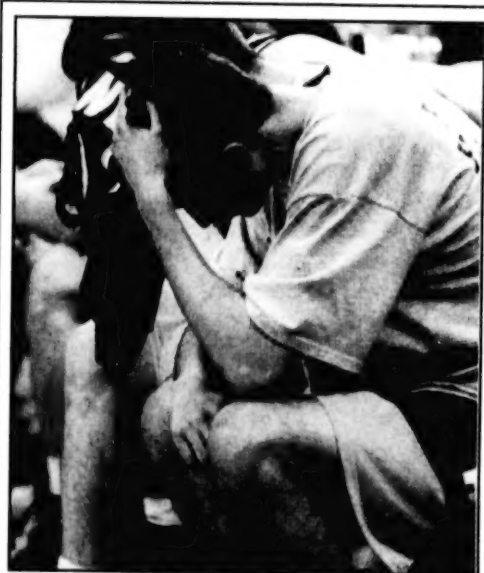


Photo by Tim Jean

Heartbreak — Andover's Dave Cordima mourns a 55-53 loss to Cambridge Rindge and Latin in the Division 1 North finals. Story, more photos on page 35.

Zero Ecstasy tolerance

By Neil Fater

The network of informants cultivated by Andover police's zero-tolerance drug unit is beginning to pay dividends.

Acting on a tip, Andover police arrested a 26-year-old Lawrence man and confiscated about 100 tablets of Ecstasy, with a street value of \$3,000, at an Andover hotel last Wednesday, March 8.

Police arrested Keith J. Audy, 26, of 15 Katherine St., Lawrence, and charged him with trafficking a Class B substance (Ecstasy), driving with a suspended license, being a disorderly person and resisting arrest.

Audy allegedly told police that he was trying to exchange the drugs for cash in the

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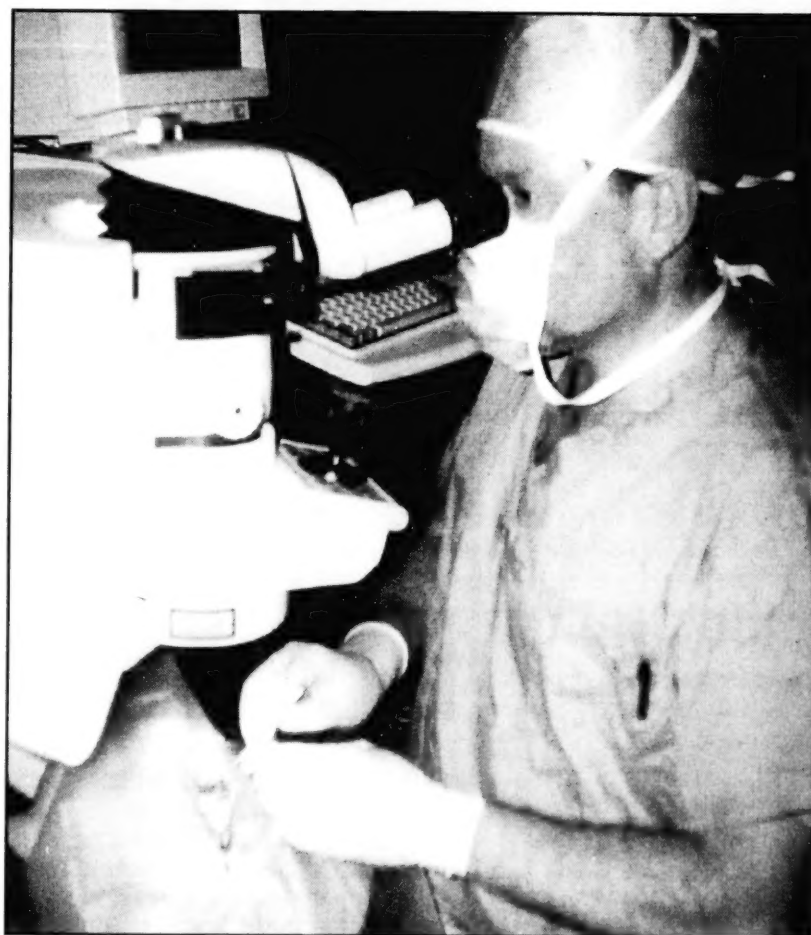
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The vision thing — Andover's Dr. Will Horsley, an ophthalmologist, performs LASIK surgery on a patient to correct nearsightedness.

The eyes have it back

Dr. Will Horsley, of Andover, an ophthalmologist with a practice in Stoneham, has done more than 4,000 laser eye procedures in the past 10 years.

But this past Jan. 26, he did one that was personally much more significant. Horsley performed so-called LASIK (laser in situ keratomileusis) surgery on both eyes of his younger brother, Joshua, at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, with immediate results.

"Twenty years of blindness cured in ten minutes," he says.

Joshua Horsley had been becoming progressively more nearsighted since grade-school days. For the last two decades, he had been legally blind.

But he had recently graduated from medical school, and was beginning his internship to become an anesthesiologist with long hours and frequent all-night call. His eyes were increasingly bothered by the wearing of his contact lenses. Glasses were always "in the way" and a poor option.

"They were just one more hassle in an overloaded schedule," says his older brother.

So on Wednesday, Jan. 26, Joshua and his wife, Janelle, also a physician, arrived from California, and each had both eyes treated with LASIK surgery for nearsightedness.

"The next day, they both saw

20/20 and were able to drive themselves in for their postoperative checkup. Three days later, they were back in the air to California where the following week they saw 20/15 in each eye," says Will Horsley.

Ten days later, Janelle Horsley was off in Guam on a student missionary tour that included scuba diving in off time.

"For the first time, I could actually see the fish and coral with incredible color and clarity instead of the dull blur that I always had before," she said.

Why did Joshua wait so long to have his brother cure his eyesight?

"He's been thinking about it for some time," Horsley says, noting that there has been significant progress in the procedure since it began.

Laser surgery was approved by the FDA in 1996, he says, but the initial procedure involved treating the surface of the cornea, which meant a long healing process and the use of steroid eyedrops.

The LASIK procedure involves lifting a little flap of the cornea surface, and working underneath it with an "Excimer" laser, "which lets you get around the over-zealous healing process," Horsley says.

"It's very unusual that a patient can't drive the day after the surgery," he says.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Town election is March 28

The annual Town Election is set for Tuesday, March 28. All precincts will vote at the Andover High School field house off Shawsheen Road, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Town Clerk Randy Hanson says while school will be in session all day, the entrance to the polling place and a section for voter parking will be designated behind the field house. A voter shuttle bus will be available on the following schedule.

Service will start at the Senior Center on Whittier Court at 8 a.m., and run approximately every 40 minutes, making stops at the Town Offices, Railroad Street and Frye Circle.

Elected offices on the ballot are:

Moderator: one for one year.

Selectman: Two for three years.

School Committee: Two for three years.

Housing Authority: One for five years.

Greater Lawrence Technical School: One for three years.

Punchard School Trustee: Five for three years.

Next week, the paper will present a final profile of the candidates.

LWV candidates debate is tonight

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover will host an Andover candidate's debate tonight,

Thursday, March 16 at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall Library.

Local candidates will be present to state their positions on issues and to answer questions from constituents.

Also, an informal Andover candidate's coffee will be held this Saturday, March 18, from 9 a.m. to noon at Andover Bank, Main Street.

For more information, call 470-1278.

Marland Place sponsors debate

Marland Place, an assisted-living facility at 15 Stevens St., will host a "Meet the Candidates" night on Thursday, March 23, from 7-9 p.m.

Candidates for Board of Selectman, School Committee and Andover Housing Authority will be present. Refreshments will be served.

Web poll results

Last week's question on the Townsman's Web page was: **Did you switch your party registration to vote in Tuesday's presidential primary?**

Of the 27 online readers who responded, only six had changed their registration. Still, that is almost 25 percent of the sample — a relatively high percentage for a presidential primary.

This week's question is: **Do you agree with the decision by the Board of Selectmen to limit the search for a new fire chief to in-house candidates?**

Surf to www.andovertownsmen.com and cast your vote.

Free tax help offered

Free income tax assistance and electronic filing will be offered at the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc., 350 Essex St., Lawrence, Monday, March 13 through Friday March 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Help will be offered by appointment and bilingual assistance will be available.

Call 681-4900 to make an appointment.

Quote, unquote . . .

'I'm an honest person, so I never thought anyone would do anything like this.'

Priscilla Titus, of former Andover House of Carpets owner Tom Taylor, who has apparently left the area without paying bills or providing services for which he had been paid.

'There are very capable and talented people who would be able to continue in that vein.'

Fire Chief Harold Wright, encouraging the Board of Selectmen to hire a new chief from within the ranks of the local department.

'It's the same circle. It's just, keep passing the buck, keep passing the buck, keep passing the buck. It's very upsetting. I've had to put my house on the market.'

Madeline Partridge, complaining about what she says is the town's failure to intervene in a neighborhood dispute that is driving her out of town.

NEWS CALENDAR

Thursday, March 16

Andover Commission on Disabilities, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

School Building Committee, South School, 6 p.m.

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission, 160 Main Street, Haverhill, 7:30 p.m.

Andover Housing Authority, 100 Morton Street, 7 p.m.

Monday, March 20

Board of Selectmen, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Health, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 6 p.m.

Andover Cultural Council, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21

Conservation Commission, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:45 p.m.

School Building Committee, Sanborn School, 7:30 p.m.

South School Council, South School Conference room, 3 p.m.

NESWC Board of Directors, MRI facility, North Andover, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, March 22

Finance Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 23

School Building Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 6:30 p.m.

Andover Housing Partnership Committee, first-floor conference room, Town Offices 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.; second-floor conference room, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 25

Zoning Board of Appeals, second floor, Memorial Hall Library, 9 a.m.

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Horsley, who has been in practice since 1981, and lived in Andover since 1983, says even though most medical insurance doesn't cover the procedure, it is increasing at more than 100 percent per year, with approximately 1.2 million Americans each year seeking it.

For the past four years, Horsley has been on the laser staff of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. He says it was a bit unusual to do both eyes of his brother and sister-in-law on the same day, but "time constraints did not allow for (them) to be performed monocularly. (But) I have every confidence in operating on both of their eyes the same day."

He's a lifetime achiever

After listening to famous athletes thank Nike, Timex and PowerBar as they accepted awards at a black-tie affair in San Diego, Dave McGillivray was given his Lifetime Achievement Award from *Competitor Magazine*.

"I, too, would like to thank all my sponsors," he said. "But I can't. I don't have any."

But McGillivray — the man who directs Andover's own Feaster Five Thanksgiving road race — says he has always had the support of a number of family and friends.

And that support helped McGillivray to succeed as both an athlete and as a director of

events in the sports of road racing and triathlon.

After bursting onto the national sports scene in 1978 with a 3,452-mile run from Medford, Ore., to his hometown of Medford, Mass., McGillivray eventually found his way into directing world-class endurance events. He has directed numerous Boston Marathons, the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and the 1998 Goodwill Games.

"Everyone always starts off with 'The guy who ran all the way across the country.' Not that I want to shake that, but that's what I'm best known for," says McGillivray. "Yet over the years my business or myself personally have raised more than \$1 million for charity. It's not going out there solely for yourself. There's a lot of worthwhile causes that benefit for (the events he's run)."

But how does it feel to receive a lifetime award at the age of 45?

"I feel like its time to retire," jokes McGillivray. "It was really unexpected. I went out to San Diego to direct a conference for the weekend. One of the nights we were there a bunch of us went over to the *Competitor Magazine*



Dave McGillivray



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Guests of honor — Former selectmen chairman Jerry Silverman and veteran Town Moderator Jim Doherty were all smiles Saturday at an Andover Democratic Town Committee luncheon that honored them for lifetime membership and service to the town.

awards banquet and an editor took me aside and said, 'By the way, we're going to present you with an award tonight.'"

McGillivray had some time to let the idea sink in.

"I've always wondered about people who win an award or an Emmy. Do they know ahead of time?" he says. "So at least I had a couple of hours to think

about what to say to the audience which was filled with some of the top endurance athletes in the world.

"It was a thrill to be honored in front of those types of world-class athletes," he says.

Other award recipients included *Competitor Magazine's* Athletes of the Decade Lance Armstrong and Paula

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House of Carpets collapses on creditors

By Rebecca Lipchitz

A former Andover business owner, apparently attempting to sweep his debt under the rug, has allegedly left town without paying bills or providing services to customers and other local business owners for which he had been paid.

Tom Taylor, owner of the former Andover House of Carpets, which he bought in 1997 from long-time owner Tom Trask, reportedly left town owing money or services to numerous people. How much, and to how many is not known just yet.

Priscilla Titus, a retired teacher and long-time customer of Andover House of Carpets, says that until recently she continued to patronize the business, and did not notice a change in ownership, since many of the employees she recognized still worked there.

When she handed over a \$1,500 deposit for carpeting in October, she never expected it was unsafe.

"I'm an honest person, so I never thought anyone would do anything like this," she says.

She says employees of the company told her the type of carpet she ordered was not available, but did not return her deposit.

After giving the company a 10-day warning, she called her attorney, Andrew Gradzewicz, of Lawrence.

Since no notice has been sent to Titus about a bankruptcy hearing, the outlook is grim for

anyone expecting a refund or a payment from Andover House of Carpets, says Gradzewicz.

He guesses that big business and rising rent in Andover don't help the small business owner.

"We've seen a lot of companies come and go in the last few years," he says.

Stephen Curtin has run the Shawsheen Plaza Sunoco station for 23 years since he took over the business from his father.

Taylor owes him for a month's worth of gas, since he had an account with Sunoco for gas for the company's trucks, Curtin says.

Curtin says the amount of money Taylor owes Sunoco is relatively small, compared to some other debts he has reportedly abandoned efforts to collect in town.

Until recently, he says Taylor was "bragging about how good things were going. Then he just left. Disappeared," Curtin says.

Accountants for the *Townsmen* say Taylor owes \$2,200 in advertising bills.

Titus says when she reported the incident to police, they told her several other people had complained of the same company.

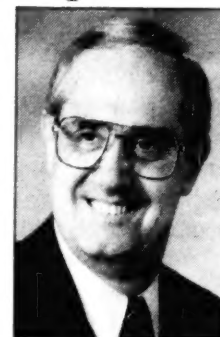
Police say since the issue is a civil, not a criminal matter, they are not involved in pursuing any complaint against Taylor.

At Taylor's former business number, the telephone rang for nearly two minutes, and then became a busy signal. There is no local home listing for Thomas Taylor.

Housing Authority candidate responds

Charles K. Erban

Editor's note: Due to a communication problem, the Townsman did not receive the response of Andover Housing Authority candidate Charles Erban to the League of Women Voters candidate question in time for it to appear in last week's edition. His response is printed below:



Charles K. Erban

Question: In recent years, there has been repeated turnover in the housing authority leadership, as a representative, how would you make the leadership more stable?"

It is my understanding the position of executive director has changed hands a few times over the last five or six years. People will always be changing jobs, and personally, I see change as a positive, not a negative. Change brings with it new

ideas, new energy, new commitment — all positives.

The board has been under the steady hands of Ron Hajj for over 10 years and it is here

where I believe the "stability" you're looking for is most important. The board has the commitment to the people who live there, and to the people of Andover, to see the intent of the Housing Authority is upheld by providing clean, comfortable, affordable housing for our area residents and to make sure the state lives up to its end of the bargain by keeping the financial commitment necessary for us to do this. I expect to help with that stability.

TOWN TALK

Newby-Fraser, Cycling Legend Greg Lemond and Triathlon Legend Greg Welch.

"It was the highlight of my year so far," says McGillivray. "Although I have a big event coming up next month."

Because of the millennium, this year's Boston Marathon is expected to be more than one and a half times the size of any other Boston, except the 100th anniversary run.

McGillivray has completed eight Hawaii Ironman Triathlons and has run 104 marathons, including 28 consecutive Boston Marathons. He has also run up the East Coast of the U.S. and completed a 24-hour run, a 24-hour bike ride, and a 24-hour swim, all for charity.

Around here, he's also known for directing the Feaster Five.

"I'm as proud of that as I am of all the other events I do. That's why I continue to do it," he says.

— Neil Fater



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Candidates tend to agree on definition of stabilization

By Neil Fater

Officials will ask Town Meeting 2000 to nearly double Andover's stabilization fund, by adding \$750,000 to it.

How should Andover use that money?

The three candidates vying this month for two open selectmen seats came into the race with different ideas.

Incumbent Brian Major said the stabilization fund should be tapped to help pay the early debt on the new schools and safety center projects; Don Robb said the fund should only be used to save programs facing the budget ax during an economic downturn; and Ted Teichert said both men's ideas have merit.

Major

Major says Andover should add \$750,000 to the stabilization fund each year for the next three years. This will

not only build a sizable emergency fund, but help slow operating budget expansion, because less tax money will be available to town departments, he says.

After three years, the \$3-million stabilization fund would be tapped to help pay the high debt payments expected during the first few years of the proposed public safety and schools project payouts.

Major says this will even out the tax money needed during the early-debt years to pay off the debt for the two large projects.

Robb

Robb notes the stabilization fund was originally created to save existing, desired programs or positions that would otherwise be cut.

"You would not touch it until there was a financial downturn somewhere in

the future," he says. "You'd use only when we were facing some kind of downturn (such as) lower revenues, lower growth or lower reimbursement from the state."

Therefore, Robb says the fund should never be used for operating expenses such as paying for new positions. But he says Major's idea of using the fund to help with large debt payments is an idea to consider.

"It might affect how much I would want put into the stabilization fund," he says. "That's basically changing the original intent of the stabilization fund. But it's long-range planning, and I'm all in favor of that."

Robb suggests Andover might need two stabilization funds, one for the original emergencies-only intent, and one for easing the debt payments.

Teichert

Teichert says he supports both using cash to bring down the debt and saving money for future emergencies.

Regarding Major's idea he says, "Any time you can use money like that to help with a debt, I think it's a good idea."

"It kind of makes sense to do what both of them said. How much you put in (the fund) could be debated," continues Teichert. "I think people would like to see the debt brought down, but people would like to have something on the side in case of emergency."

Accident ...

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street from the cement truck Sidlik was trying to get around, says Sgt. John Pathiakakis.

Two 14-year-old students on the bus were treated for minor injuries, Pathiakakis says.

Sidlik, who was trapped inside his Ford Mustang after it collided with the bus, was treated at Lawrence General Hospital.

While the accident is still being investigated, Sidlik will at least be charged with operating after license suspension, leaving the scene of an accident and operating to endanger, police say.

According to police, Sidlik's license had been suspended for unpaid speeding tickets in Andover and Lowell, his license had previously been suspended in Virginia and North Carolina, and he is a repeat offender in all three states plus New Hampshire.

A witness reported seeing the Mustang hit another vehicle shortly before the bus accident, and the Mustang shows fresh scrapes on a portion of the car that would show a previous accident, Pathiakakis says.

The driver of the vehicle involved in the first accident has not come forward, Pathiakakis says.

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Selectmen agree: Fire chief search will start in-house

By Neil Fater

When Andover begins interviewing for its next fire chief later this month, it will give an in-house candidate a chance to answer the bell.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, who two years ago advised against an Andover-only search for police chief, has recommended that Andover choose someone to replace retiring Fire Chief Harold Wright from within its own fire houses.

"To his credit I think Harold has cultivated his people," Stapczynski told the Board of Selectmen on Monday night. "I think there's talent within the department.

"Knowing the strengths and weaknesses of the department, my bias would be (to stay) internal. I think we have some deputy chiefs that are well trained... and ready to move up.

I don't think that's true in all departments," said Stapczynski.

On Monday, Stapczynski also lauded the work of Police Chief Brian Pattullo, who ultimately was the in-house selection for police chief. Earlier in the evening, selectmen had praised Pattullo's work before recommending approval of his budget without change.

"You made some very positive comments about Chief Pattullo," said Wright. "I think that speaks highly of making an internal (selection) when possible."

Wright said that, within the fire department, there are "very capable and talented people who would be able to continue in that vein."

Mary French was the lone selectman to speak against an Andover-only search.

"I would personally prefer that we do a

broader search," she said, "to make sure that we get the best candidate."

"If we seek within and do not find a qualified candidate, then we will need to go outside," said Selectman Brian Major.

Stapczynski said he wants to bring his recommendation for fire chief to the selectmen's meeting Monday, May 1.

As he has during past hirings, Stapczynski plans to use an

"assessment center," including a team of fire officials to test the candidates on fire department issues such as their ability to solve problems and deal with concerns of today's chiefs.

"(Wright's) last day wants to be July 5, so I have to have someone July 6. Working backwards from that I will have a posting go up within two weeks," said Stapczynski. "The process in and of itself will take six weeks, and

Hearing set on Route 125 lights

By Neil Fater

State highway officials are expected to announce Tuesday that they favor adding another full traffic light to Route 125, at Salem Street in Andover.

State Rep. Barry Finegold, D-Andover, says this would create three lights on Route 125 in the Andover area, one as traffic enters Andover near Gould Road, one at Salem Street, and one near the border with North Andover.

Previously, some Andover residents have called for installing even more lights, including requests for full traffic lights at the Wildwood and Prospect roads intersections.

But Finegold and Andover Police Chief Brian Pattullo say state officials suggest that three lights — including the Gould Road light, the proposed light at the intersection with Salem Street, and another near Hillside in North Andover — will be sufficient.

Mass. Highway has scheduled a public hearing regarding Route 125 for Tuesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall Library to discuss the matter.

"It's a public hearing, but from what I've heard, they're definitely leaning toward the

three-traffic-light solution," says Finegold. "It's going to be controversial because I know people want more traffic lights. But we need to see what happens when we add another traffic light."

Although Pattullo has not seen the proposed plan, Pattullo says state officials have also told him they're considering putting blinking lights at the Wildwood Road and Prospect Street intersections.

The March 21 hearing is part of an on-going discussion between the state and local residents upset about the safety and traffic on Route 125. Earlier meetings have led to changes including the closing of Vine Street access off Route 125.

Pattullo supports the so-called three-traffic-light option. He says adding more lights to the highway could divert too much traffic off Route 125 and onto Andover's smaller side streets.

"I have grave concerns about the amount of lights causing traffic to move off of Route 125," he says.

Finegold says highway officials also may be hesitant to approve more than the Salem Street traffic lights here in part because of the massive overruns from Boston's Big Dig project.

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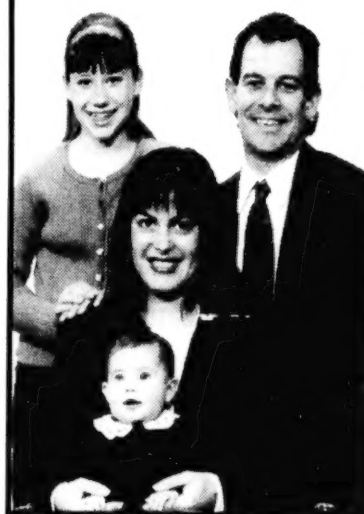
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Overtime inflation

It is not a large amount of money, relatively speaking. In a town budget that is scraping up against the \$100-million mark, who's going to notice \$45,000 here and another \$40,000 there?

Selectmen Chairman John Hess, one of the town's masters of financial minutia, did last week.

And it's a good thing. Because while the amount of money involved isn't going to break the bank, it represents an unsettling postscript to one of the town's major collective bargaining events last year.

It was then that the Board of Selectmen agreed to support a new contract with the local firefighters that changed their work schedule dramatically.

While the specific number of hours at the station didn't change — an average of 42 per week — the new contract has firefighters on duty 24 hours, off for 24 hours, on for another 24 hours and then off for five days in a row.

How people in any profession, especially those in a critical public safety profession, can expect to maintain their skills and conditioning while on duty only two days out of every eight is mysterious at best.

But all that aside, one of the selling points of the new contract was that it would allegedly allow management to deploy personnel in a more efficient manner. And that would be good for the public purse, the union argued, because it would allow better control of overtime.

Contract signed. Case closed. Until selectmen were reviewing the budget figures a week ago, and Hess pointed to the Fire Department's overtime budgets.

Miscellaneous overtime is set at \$200,000, up \$45,000, or 29 percent from this year. Vacation overtime is \$390,000, up \$40,000 or 11.5 percent from this year.

Take note that these figures are not the result of some disastrous, unexpected event that put a half-dozen firefighters out on disability and caused an unusual increase in overtime. This is what the department *plans* to spend. This is what it expects, under the new contract.

This looks like the opposite of the more efficient, easier-on-taxpayer-wallets situation that was promised.

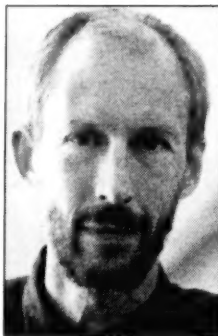
Hess was wise to bring the matter up. He and his colleagues should demand a good explanation for it as well, before the board brings the budget to Town Meeting.



Photo by Carol Van Doren

Up, up and away — Alyce Hajjar, of Andover, manages a smile at the Route 133 Mobil station as she looks at gas prices that have jumped 12 cents in the past two weeks, faster than ever before. "It's a sad state," she says. "I wouldn't be pumping it myself if it weren't so expensive."

Self-control is a dream? So is gun control



Taylor Armerding

I figure the volume on the gun control debate after Columbine is permanently stuck on 11. But then a little girl dies in Michigan, and it gets even louder. Then somebody shoots out the windows of cars right here in Andover, and the heat gets uncomfortably close to home.

And now we've got the president of the National Rifle Association and the president of the United States throwing verbal mudballs at one another.

It all makes me think about snowballs from a long time ago...

The kids were all standing around, clustered behind an enormous bank of snow left by the plow at the side of the road. They were trying to look nonchalant. But it was clear they were waiting for something, or someone.

They didn't have to wait long. Both showed up when a car pulled out of a side street. They all ducked behind the bank and then, as the car went

past, sprang out and hurled a few snowballs. A couple of them tagged the rear door, and all the kids cheered — until the car stopped and started to back up.

Two of them fled, running clumsily across a yard through snow that was better than knee deep. The rest stood, the mischief on their faces replaced by childish dread.

The man rolled down the window and glared for a moment.

"Do you think your parents know what you're doing?" he demanded.

Nobody spoke.

"How about if I tell them?" he suggested.

The apologies burst forth. "I didn't throw one at your car." "This is the first time I've done this." "Please don't get me in trouble, mister." "I'm sorry. I'll wipe the snow off your car if you want."

"No, that's OK," the man said. "But think about how you'd feel if somebody tried to damage something of yours."

There was a chorus of relieved agreement. There were more apologies. The little band of kids scattered. The man drove off, his face relaxing into a small smile.

Sure, most of the apologies, while at least momentarily genuine, had probably been based on lies. The same group was probably out there the next day doing the same thing. But at least a certain protocol had been observed.

The man had frightened them enough to make them think about respect for others. The kids had been respectful as well, knowing that the man could probably find out who their parents were, if he didn't know already.

I know all this because I was in the back seat of that car, slouched down so none of the kids could see me while my dad delivered his lecture. We were only a couple of neighborhoods away from our own, and I even knew one of the kids.

Fast forward. A couple of kids about the same age as that long-ago snowball crew — probably 9 or 10 — are on a downtown sidewalk in an upscale, suburban community. It isn't Andover, but it's close by.

They are shouting obscenities at another couple of kids who are walking away, flashing middle fingers back at them.

They start with the usual stuff, and then degenerate to language and threats so appalling that it draws the attention of some adults on the other side of the street, who had until then been ignoring things.

One of the men calls to them. "Hey kids, maybe you should cool it. You're on a public street, you know."

Both of the kids turn and fix the adult with a malignant stare.

"And what are you f...ing going to do about it? F... you," says one of

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Letters

A lesson in sportsmanship

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The wins for the Andover High boys basketball team have been fun. But the highlight of watching Coach David Fazio's group advance in state tournament play came when time was running out in the win over Waltham on March 7.

Coach Fazio directed his own player to intentionally foul Waltham's star senior, so that the young man would have an opportunity to score his 1000th point from the foul line. When the Waltham player hit his free throws to reach the milestone with just seconds remaining in his high school career, fans from both towns afforded him a standing ovation.

I shared the moment with my two sons. It was an unforgettable lesson in sportsmanship and class.

This season began in an unsettling manner, when a key player had to be dismissed from Coach Fazio's team. However, rather than dwell on that setback, Coach Fazio instead rallied Andover High to a league championship and state title run. It has been a clinic in perseverance.

Our community is fortunate to have David Fazio working with our kids.

Jim Arnold
Geneva Road

Kudos to a master of self-parody

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Kudos to Mr. Kolbe ("Beware of insidious pedantry" *Townsmen*, March 9) for his hilarious mastery of the art of self-parody. His letter showcases comedic gifts with patronizing pedantry, a prose style delightfully laced with catchy errors of grammar, diction and structure, and an expert deployment of ludicrously inappropriate vocabulary — all crowned with the final opaque gem of a sentence: "It just may be that such fallacious journalism works best on its own debunking the myths it so earnestly sought to disseminate (sic)."

Andover schools could use more of such foreign lingual talent.

John Willard
467 Lowell St.

State Town Meeting stances earlier

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The following letter was sent to the Andover Board of Selectmen:

Asthma study can be done, and still protect privacy

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am writing in response to your story about the planned Department of Public Health study of the high asthma rates among Merrimack Valley schoolchildren ("Officials try to clear air on asthma study," *Townsmen*, March 2).

I am director of policy development and co-founder of the National Coalition for Patient Rights, an Andover-based organization dedicated to restoring confidentiality to health care. To set the record straight, National CPR does not oppose the state study, because its potential value is clear: In order to find a remedy, it is critical to find reasons for the high rate of asthma in this geographic area.

However, we have serious reservations about the confidential health information about 35,000 schoolchildren that will be disclosed to DPH as part of this study. We are also very disturbed by the DPH's refusal, so far, to seek informed consent from parents in order to conduct this research. (It appears that one-third of the people who participated in your Web poll have similar misgivings.) National CPR strongly believes and hopes that with modifications, this important study can be done while still protecting privacy and respecting individuals' rights.

As it currently stands, the draft research protocol calls for school nurses or staff to provide data to DPH about the number of asthma cases in each school. This is not problematic, because that information is not identifiable. But "Part B" of the protocol is much more troubling. It requires very personal information on each child with asthma to be reported to the state, including: name, address, phone number, diagnosis, medications, physician name and phone number, and absentee rate. This data will then be cross-linked with local hospital discharge records to identify asthma cases not reported to schools.

In addition, local pediatricians will be asked to provide the names of children with asthma who live in the affected communities. This would all be done without obtaining informed consent, or providing a chance to opt out of participation.

People have the expectation that medical information (with few exceptions such as

child-abuse reporting) will not be disclosed without their permission. Longstanding standards of professional ethics based on the Hippocratic Oath dictate this. Second, international codes for ethics in human subject research (i.e. the Nuremberg Code, Declaration of Helsinki) require that respect for individuals' autonomy and dignity supercedes societal goals.

The use of children's identifiable health information for research purposes, without parental knowledge or consent, is a violation of the parents' trust and is disrespectful of the children. Once parents learn their children's health records are readily available for non-school and non-clinical uses, they may decide to be less forthcoming when asked to provide medical information to schools and possibly even their doctors.

Schools and health-care providers will then have incomplete or inaccurate information about their patients, and subsequent care or research done on such records will be based on tainted data. It is in no one's best interest for this to occur.

The solution may be as simple as removing the students' names and mapping asthma cases to determine proximity to incinerator fumes. If identifiable information from schools and physicians is absolutely necessary, another alternative would be to inform parents about the proposed research and give them the explicit right to opt out if they object. This was recently done in Andover during a nationwide survey of high-risk behavior in middle- and high-school students — even though the surveys were completely anonymous. Participation in that study was sufficiently high, and it is likely that given the choice, parents would agree to participation in the asthma study as well.

Ensuring that research done on medical records respects people's privacy, confidentiality and choice is likely to encourage willing participation in laudable studies such as this one. In the final analysis, our children will benefit not only from parental candor with their schools and doctors, but also from allowing important public health research to go forward.

Margo P. Goldman, MD
Director of Policy Development
National Coalition for Patient Rights

ing is in the best interest of thorough and open discussion. The more information available to the electorate in advance of Town Meeting, the more likely voters will be well-informed and able to contribute meaningfully to Town Meeting debate.

If it is not feasible to include all recommendations in the Finance Committee report because of printing deadlines, perhaps the few omitted could be reported in local newspapers and on cable TV, with copies available at town offices. Access to this information would be

especially helpful to citizens interested in specific articles, and give them timely information with which to plan their own input for Town Meeting.

Please let the League know if it can be helpful in improving communication with regards to this issue.

Maria Bartlett
President
20 Bateson Drive

Does Merrimack support students?

Editor, *Townsmen*:

In recent years we have seen Merrimack College grow into a beautiful institution much like Bentley College in Waltham and Babson College in Wellesley.

With the recent additions of the Deegan Hall Dormitory, Rogers Center for the Arts and the current projects in progress to rebuild the S. Peter Volpe Center and the new Student Center with the renovation to Gildea Hall as well.

The question I ask is, does Merrimack College truly support their students?

I completed classes at Merrimack this past December, and I am waiting for my graduation in May of this year. I was a very active part of college life. I was instrumental in starting and running the SCUBA Club in the first few years, as well as being a charter member of Amnesty International. On top of that I played lacrosse for the Warriors, joined Tau Kappa Epsilon and other clubs, and held several positions on the executive board for the Merrimack College Program Board.

My main focus while at Merrimack for outside activities was our college newspaper, *The Argus*. I quickly gained status on the newspaper staff by my music and sports reviews. I was quickly promoted to arts & entertainment editor. In the years to come I held other positions like copy and proofing editor, and then the big cheese, editor-in-chief.

In 1998, *The Argus* won Student Organization of the Year at Merrimack. We had a transitional phase last year, when our old editor left and we had poor numbers helping out computer problems. No one could ever understand the difficulties we overcame. We spent countless nights until 4 a.m. trying to debug the problems. We also did layout for hundreds of hours and lost most of it. Finally, we released a premium paper in December to not break our 50-plus year tradition as a newspaper. We followed with a recent release of *The Argus* this past month.

The Student Activities department

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LETTERS

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and Student Government failed to aid us when a core staff of five people worked really hard to get a paper out and not break our illustrious tradition.

The Student Activities department's lack of support and understanding is also backed by their inability to do their jobs effectively. In March of 1999, I had asked for a copy of our organization's constitution. I continuously asked until December, until they told me they had lost the constitution. That is a lack of organization and communication on their part.

This is not the first club to experience the faults of Student Activities at Merrimack. I have remained to help train my fellow former co-workers on the staff as an adviser of sorts, so they fully know the ins and outs of running a college newspaper. This includes contacting people, getting material, distribution, layout, placing ads and all the other formalities.

So in February 2000, *The Argus*, formerly known as the *Merrimack College Warrior*, released the second edition of the 1999-2000 College year with no budget. The paper was funded only by advertisements. The work the current staff put in was over the top once again.

On March 7, 2000, Student Government suspended all operation of the newspaper and all funding. They state the paper would have to start from scratch and reapply for entrance as a club. There was no need and no solid basis for a move of this sort. Any quality university or college in North America has a newspaper. Most are supported enough by the college, faculty, students, administration and staff to be able to release at least one paper a week. Merrimack releases on average every three to five weeks. Yet it still comes out.

Now Merrimack has no school newspaper after 52 continuous years of service. Thank you, Student Activities and Student Government. How can Merrimack now be considered a quality institution? The students had to sacrifice parking spaces for the Rogers Center, which they can hardly, if ever, use, and now the paper is gone and tuition still increases.

The housing situation is out of control with over-crowding. Still the college over-accepts students. To get more students, you must have to lower the entrance standards, right? Sure makes you wonder. And once again I ponder, does Merrimack really support the students? Is the school going downhill despite the new pretty buildings? The arrow points towards yes.

Michael C. Stewart
100 Fairview Road
Needham

Vote for Major

Editor, Townsman:

In this presidential primary season, it is hard to believe the things that some politicians claim to be. However, when Brian Major claims responsiveness, believe it.

We had a problem with a pothole in

front of our house that had, over time, become a dangerous potcave. We happened one evening to casually mention to Brian, someone whom we had just met, about yet another close encounter with this menace.

By the next afternoon, we noticed it had finally been filled.

Brian never brought this up to us — just took care of it as one of his duties. We were impressed. As we have gotten to know Brian better, we have found him to be not only an energetic, intelligent and hardworking selectman, but also a thoughtful man devoted to his family and friends.

We are lucky to live in a town with someone who cares so deeply about the quality of our schools, of our services and of our resources. Please join us in supporting Brian Major on March 28.

Tom and Susan Beattie
126 Bellevue Road

Vote for Robb

Editor, Townsman:

I hope this letter will help to persuade folks to vote for Don Robb for selectman. I can't think of anyone more qualified for this important job. Over the 13 or so years that I have known Don, he has always impressed me with his knowledge and understanding of Andover.

The combined 20 years that he has spent on the School Committee and the Finance Committee have given him an unmatched perspective on our town. This combined with his clear thinking and vision makes him the perfect choice for this office.

Please vote for Don Robb!

Steve Cohen
17 Olde Berry Road

Vote for Major

Editor, Townsman:

For the last three years, Andover has been fortunate to have a selectman, Brian Major, who has demonstrated a keen desire to make the quality of life for our seniors and youth a better place. He also demonstrates a keen sense of awareness that the tax payers should be protected at all times. Because of these qualities, I ask my fellow residents to give Brian Major a return for another term in office.

Paul Higginbottom
36 Corbett St.

Vote for Robb

Editor, Townsman:

I would like to join many in the Andover community who are voicing support for the candidacy of Donald Robb for selectman.

I have known Mr. Robb for more than 15 years, and I have seen our community win the advantages of his dedicated service first on the School Committee and later on the Finance Committee.

I believe that in serving in those positions, he has demonstrated a record of responsible leadership that Andover needs as we assess the consequences of continuing growth on the town infrastructure that serves us, our schools and the quality of life issues that make Andover such a great place to live. Mr. Robb has the experience, knowledge and

dedication to meet the challenges that face our community.

I highly recommend a vote for Donald Robb for selectman on March 28.

Tony Lazzaretti
5 Blood Road

Vote for Teichert

Editor, Townsman:

Yes, he's my brother.

After spending all my life with Ted, I am more than qualified to tell you about Ted Teichert, the person that he is.

Ted is a "let's-get-going" type of person. If there is work to be tackled he approaches straight on with determination and commitment. He does not dwell on the problems, but goes right to work until he has reached a successful conclusion.

When Ted joins an organization, committee, or signs up his daughter for an activity, almost immediately he is involved with the operations of the organization. He enjoys being part of the system.

I have worked directly with Ted, who is president of the Andover Junior Football League and a board member of the Buddy Werner Ski Team. I see and respect how he skillfully handles the financial and organizational aspects of these programs. He handles controversy and other issues with an open mind. He has a vision for growth while maintaining the integrity and balance of a program.

Since he has been involved with the football league he has increased the number of participants of the league by 200 percent. To provide more for the youth of this town he resurrected the cheerleading program in 1998. He also started a canned food drive, in which players and cheerleaders donated goods to Lazarus House, which in turn taught our youth about giving to the community.

As most you may already know, Ted was involved in a very serious accident. Being the type of person he is, that did not affect his commitment to his community. While he was in the hospital, he was still on duty, having our family see to it that his responsibilities for Andover's First Night millennium celebration were taken care of. No sooner did he get out of the hospital than I was driving him to millennium meetings.

What amazed our family was the outpouring of concern and offers of assistance for Ted. He is obviously a very well-known and liked person in Andover. Everywhere I would go, people asked for him, and still do to this day. He obviously has a wonderful reputation.

Back in the fall, I point blank asked Ted, "Why (he wanted to run for office)?" His answer was simple — I want to serve the town that I have benefited from and am now a part of.

He has the fundamental desire to give his time and efforts to his community.

Ted will make a great selectman. He wants to serve his community and see to it that the character of Andover is well maintained into the future. It's just that simple.

With that said, I'm sure you realize what a great person Ted is and that Ted would be an excellent selectman for Andover

Ellen Lynch
46 Morton St.

Vote for O'Connor

Editor, Townsman:

When a story ran in your paper that no candidates were interested in running for a seat on the Andover Housing Authority, I and others immediately accepted the challenge.

As I stood outside Market Basket collecting signatures on my nomination papers, one of the "others" came up to me and offered to sign my papers. He signed Francis A. O'Connor.

Asked if he was THE Francis A. O'Connor, he answered yes, the same. We chatted a few minutes and I immediately formed an opinion of him. After learning more about him in the *Townsman* on March 9, my opinion was reinforced. Mr. O'Connor is clearly the best-qualified of all candidates, past and present, to serve our town on the Housing Authority.

Although I will be out of town for a period of time prior to the March 28 election, I will be back in time to cast my vote for Francis A. O'Connor, Housing Authority. Please consider doing the same.

Stuart A. MacIntire
former candidate
4 Buchan Road

Vote for Robb

Editor, Townsman:

We are writing in support of Don Robb as selectman. We have known Don for many years and have been impressed with his sincerity and competence both as a parent, friend and town official. His calm leadership has repeatedly drawn out consensus when it was needed.

We look forward to seeing Don on the Board of Selectmen.

Norman and Suzanne Scarpulla
50 Birch Road

Vote for Robb

Editor, Townsman:

As the town of Andover grows into the 21st century, the local government assumes more and more responsibilities and a much larger annual budget. Since our population is, like many other communities, extremely busy in running its own lives, we rely more on our elected officials to make important decisions that affect us in many ways.

It is therefore imperative for us to look toward candidates who have not only an interest in serving the people, but also those who have the experience in such important decision-making situations. Don Robb is a perfect example of such an individual. He served the town for many years on the School Committee and the Finance Committee, and was elected to chair each. He is well-respected for the leadership he showed working in these positions.

On several occasions he stepped down from his official position and spoke at public meetings as a private citizen, when he felt his own views were important enough to express, even if he was in the minority on an issue. I have great

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Education

Lacrosse, media assistants added to school budget

By Rebecca Lipchitz

School Committee members approved a budget of \$39.1 million for FY 2001, following a sparsely attended hearing Tuesday.

The revised budget total includes money for starting boys and girls lacrosse teams at Andover High School, and for a media specialist at each middle-school library.

The \$39,063,885 budget is \$356,000 more than the amount recommended by Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, said School Business Manager Bernie Tuttle.

Committee member Tina Girdwood said she is concerned that the committee is so determined to provide equal services at all schools that they are at risk for approving a media specialist for two schools, when one school might be better served by a different kind of assistant.

"I have a real problem supporting an academic position if it's not a high-priority in that building," Girdwood said, but added that she does support it if the administration supports it.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Claudia Bach said both middle schools say they need a media assistant.

Chairman Eric Nadworny said such questions are part of the committee's challenge in determining when to create consistency throughout the system and when to allow schools to be different.

"In some cases you want to do it site-based, in other areas, continuity is important, too. We're going to wrestle with that," he said.

Resident, former School Committee member and Housing Authority candidate Michael Frishman grilled committee members to make sure they are making every effort to offer musical instruction earlier than fifth grade, and to bill family medical insurance for some students' medically related services.

Former Finance Committee member and current AHS PAC member Bob Stoetzel thanked the committee for its support of the lacrosse team, and asked the committee if it has enough of a contingency budget to fund possible positions required at the high school as enrollment and small schedule changes continue.

Assistant Superintendent Marinel McGrath said high-school program advisers have a five-year plan on which they base their course offerings and staffing needs.

Additional classes offered at the high school this year include Latin V and advanced-placement environmental science, McGrath said.

They have not yet been able to offer Latin

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Photo by Rebecca Lipchitz

AHS junior Jon Gardner celebrates his crowning as Mr. Andover High 2000 after a technical difficulty in his presentation gave him a chance to ad lib on stage, and may have won him the title. When asked what he would do if he had \$1 million to spend in a week, he said he would build a movie theatre in town, and of course, invite all his friends over for free movies. Gardner was the winner of a 16-man contest Friday.

Here he is: Mr. Andover High

Jon Gardner, winner of Mr. Andover High 2000, thanked the technical crew for their mistake that stalled his portion of the talent competition in front of a packed house at the Collins Center Friday.

"This wasn't supposed to happen," Gardner said upon receiving the award.

Gardner was competing with 15 other junior class boys for the title. His presentation was a montage of famous movies which he accompanied on the nose flute, playing the corresponding movie theme.

When he first approached the

microphone with his nose flute, the movie montage did not play due to technical difficulties. Gardner briefly entertained the crowd by improvising a jig and a bit of monologue.

The delay allowed him a moment to show his candor under pressure, which may have won him the prize.

"It was the best thing that ever happened to me," he says of the technical mix up.

He displayed his sense of humor early in the program, posing as a "mushroom hunter" in the sports-wear category.

Gardner and all his competitors

each performed in three categories: dream date, talent and sports wear. Each category allowed the contestant to display his originality of ideas or presentation.

Many performed talent exhibitions of original songs, or technical skill in playing classic songs. Chris Krey wrote a song in memory of late AHS principal Larry Robinson, with the refrain, "Hey man, we all love you."

Contestant Adam Martel performed a "magic" show, artfully levitating a "light bulb" on a set designed

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Committee reviews short term space needs

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Next September, two classes of Doherty Middle School students will be housed in the school administration building next door, and more South School elementary students will be urged to consider the Shawsheen Integrated Primary School until fourth grade.

These are two recommendations in the Short Term Space Needs Plan presented Tuesday by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Claudia Bach to the School Committee.

The plan's three goals are to maintain current class size for the next two years, accommodate in-district some special education needs that can be provided in

small spaces and continue an integrated program begun last year for special needs students.

According to Bach, the good news is that population is not expected to increase dramatically next year. The bad news is that nothing will really solve the space crunch except the building of a new elementary and a new middle school at Cross Street and High Plain Road.

"There really is no plan B," she said.

Bancroft is expected to need another first-grade class, which it would put in a corner loft space, Bach said. While Sanborn elementary is expecting four new stu-

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I, she said.

Stoetzel said parents are concerned about large or imbalanced class sizes in all grade levels, citing an upper-level chemistry class of 29 students and several smaller classes in elective subjects, such as art.

"The parents' solution is to hire more teachers," Stoetzel said.

McGrath said the answer to reduce some class sizes is to create more sections of the same classes.

School Committee members plan to meet with selectmen and Finance Committee members in the next few weeks.

Space needs remain

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dents South elementary is expecting another 20, Bach said.

Since Doherty is expecting another 37 students next year, the school would have to use two conference rooms in the school administration building, adjacent to the Doherty, as classroom spaces.

Administrators are also looking into investing in portable computer labs to free up rooms now used as permanent labs for class room space.

"It seems to solve two issues for one," she said, adding that the move could improve the technology program and free up some classroom space.

If a portable lab is pur-

chased, it would be paid for through the technology budget, Bach said, while items like partitions to divide classrooms come from capital improvement project funds.

As more and more students are expected, Bach said Doherty Principal Floyd McManus was willing to consider allowing a fifth-grade class to be established at the middle school.

The class would be open only to students who volunteer to go there, Bach said, since some parents support the idea of having their fifth-grader in a middle school and others do not.

"These are some of the wild solutions we will look at," she said.

Mr. Andover High

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to look like an evening snow flurry.

Complete with gold-sequined coattails and top hat and funky shades, runner-up Rick Umlah performed what seemed like an effortless mini-concert of an Elton John medley on the Collins Center's grand piano.

"To my amazement, I have learned that Michael Jackson and Elton John live in Andover," says School Committee member Tina Girdwood who judged this event.

Finalist Mike DaSilva artfully impersonated Michael Jackson. The five finalists were Gardner, Umlah, DaSilva, Casey Rillahan and Iain Hamilton.

The junior class fund-raiser awarded Mr. Andover High School title to Pete Edgerly in 1999. Judges this year were Girdwood, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Claudia Bach, Andover Townsman reporter Rebecca Lipchitz, state Rep. Barry Finegold and business owner Peter Comeau. Students Brett Weiner and Melissa Currier hosted.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

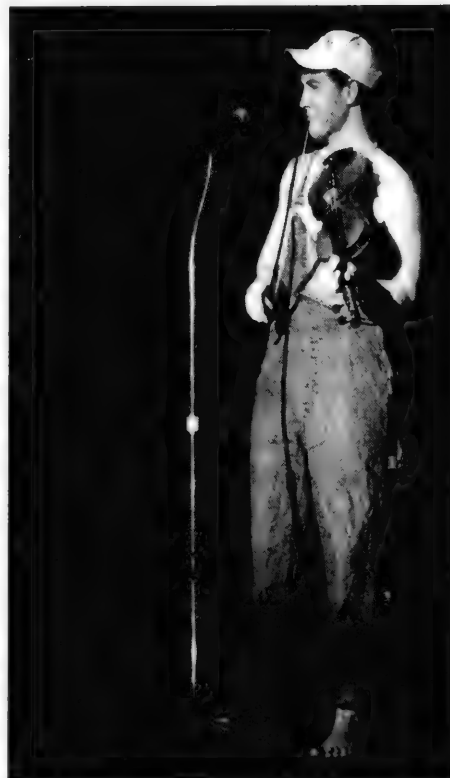


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A man of few words — Iain Hamilton performed a medley of styles on his fiddle for the Mr. AHS pageant Friday at the Collins Center.

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Sped PAC hosts speaker

A meeting of the 766 PAC is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, on the third floor of the school administration building. The meeting features guest speaker Attorney Robert Crabtree, who helped develop the 766 special education law.

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Elementary schools

Monday: Beefy burritos w/lettuce and tomato, baked chicken nuggets, French toast and sausage, corn, pears and milk, apple crisp w/whipped cream

Tuesday: Baked macaroni and cheese, hot dog on a roll, slice of pizza w/salad, carrots, applesauce and milk, Lucky Tray Day!

Wednesday: Chicken and gravy over mashed potato, slice of pizza w/salad, chicken McSchool, carrots, applesauce and milk, jello

Thursday: Meatball sub, French toast and sausage, pizza dippers w/sauce, peas, peaches and milk

Friday: Fish and chips, baked chicken nuggets, pizza stick w/soft pretzel, green beans, pears and milk

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Baked macaroni and cheese, stuffed crust pizza, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk

Tuesday: Barbecue chicken w/mashed potato, bagel French toast, cheeseburger w/fries, fruit, veggie and milk

Wednesday: Two egg McMuffin w/cheese, stuffed crust pizza, nachos w/taco, meat and cheese, fruit, veggie and milk

Thursday: Roast pork dinner, egg omelet w/bagel, chicken McSchool, fruit, veggie and milk

Friday: Egg salad sub w/fries, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk

Secondary schools

Monday: Two beefy burritos, pasta w/meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk

Tuesday: Baked macaroni and cheese, pasta w/garlic and butter, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk

Wednesday: Chicken fajitas, pasta w/meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk

Thursday: Fish and chips, pasta w/meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk

Friday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches w/soup, pasta w/meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk

Annual spelling bee set for April 7

The Andover Fund for Education has announced the Third Annual Andover Spelling Bee to be held on Friday, April 7, at West Middle School at 7 p.m. In addition to trophies for teams with the best spellers, there will be a new Spirit Award this year for the school with the most spirited audience support.

Local businesses, schools and civic organizations are invited to sponsor teams to enter the spelling bee. Teams work together to spell words so there is no solo spelling. Claudia

Bach, superintendent of schools, will again serve as moderator, pronouncing and defining the words teams are asked to spell. The teams compete in rounds, with the winner of each round joining a final Championship "Spell-Off." Costumes are encouraged for both the teams and their supporters in the audience.

Last year's winner was DeWolfe New England, besting 24 other teams all concerned about maintaining a strong public school system in Andover. The realtors won with the

word "pizzicato," which means played by plucking rather than bowing the strings of an instrument. In the team competition, a team representing Andover High School came out on top. Will each of these teams be able to repeat their winning performance this year?

The public is invited to cheer on the teams. Admission is free and you may even learn how to spell a new word or two while you are enjoying the fun.

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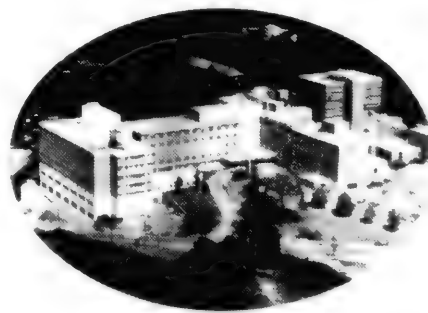
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Sanborn School announces plans for labyrinth for inner peace

The parents and teachers of Sanborn Elementary School are making final preparations for the Peacemakers Conference, to be held this Thursday and Friday. Volunteers and professionals will educate the children of the school about tolerance, conflict resolution and building self esteem.

"During this, the International Year of Peace, we believe it is important to make the time to provide more in-depth education for the children of our school on how to keep the peace," explained Dr. Jade Reitman, the school's principal. "For two full days we will offer thirteen separate workshops presented by volunteers and specialists who will provide insightful

and meaningful discussions on this very important topic".

Workshops include, Peace Talk, Too Little Tolerance, Peace Begins with Me, Bully No More, Pledging Peace and Resolving Conflicts. The school's specialists will also be working the theme of peace into the curriculum, with music class offering Rhythm of Peace, physical education offering Team Work - Let's get physical and art class offering Art of People in Peace, to name a few.

The school's commitment to peace does not end after the two-day conference. Dr. Reitman will also be announcing the creation of a labyrinth to be created out on the

asphalt next to the playground. The labyrinth, defined as a curved path intended to help walkers reach inner peace, has been inspired by Boston College Senior Timothy Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan was instrumental in creating the well-known labyrinth on the college's campus, and he will unveil his plan to Sanborn's full student body at an assembly on Friday, March 17 at 9 a.m.

The creation of labyrinths, that are defined as a pattern with a purpose, are undergoing a revival of use and interest, with the most recent one created on the Capitol's East Lawn in Washington, D.C. The symbol represents a passage through time and

experience and according to the Labyrinth Society of New Canaan, Conn., "A labyrinth is a simple path...a tool for personal, psychological and spiritual transformation."

"Once the project is complete in the spring, children of Sanborn School will be given the opportunity to walk the labyrinth during recess, giving them a chance to spend a few quiet moments alone during what is typically a challenging and stimulating day," added Dr. Reitman. "We will also invite members of the Andover community to enjoy this special place, which we hope offers a calm and surreal atmosphere."

Greater Lawrence Tech students visit State House

Six students from Greater Lawrence Technical School's Marketing Education Department participated in the Mass DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) "Day on the Hill", held at the Massachusetts State House on Beacon Hill in Boston. Students attended workshops on a variety of topics such as school safety issues and drug awareness, and learned the process of introducing and passing legislation by examining the

new minimum wage bill that is presently pending legislative action.

The highlight of the day was meeting the State Senator that represents many students who reside in her district. Senator Tucker welcomed the students to the State House, and explained the process of government, highlighting the scheduled events of the day. After lunch, the students and their instructor, Maria Butler, toured the building and traveled home.

Andover gymnast qualifies for Nationals

Amy Shui, of Andover and a '98 AHS graduate, has recently qualified for the NCGA Division III National Championships competition to be held at Springfield College in Massachusetts on March 24 and 25.

Amy is a sophomore majoring in math at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is a member of the varsity women's gymnastics team.

Individual qualifiers for the NCGA

Nationals were selected based on a combination of their performance at meets during the regular season and their results from the ECAC regional meet which took place at MIT on March 11.

Four teams from each region qualify for nationals, and one competitor on each event qualifies individually. Amy is the eastern region's individual qualifier on uneven bars.

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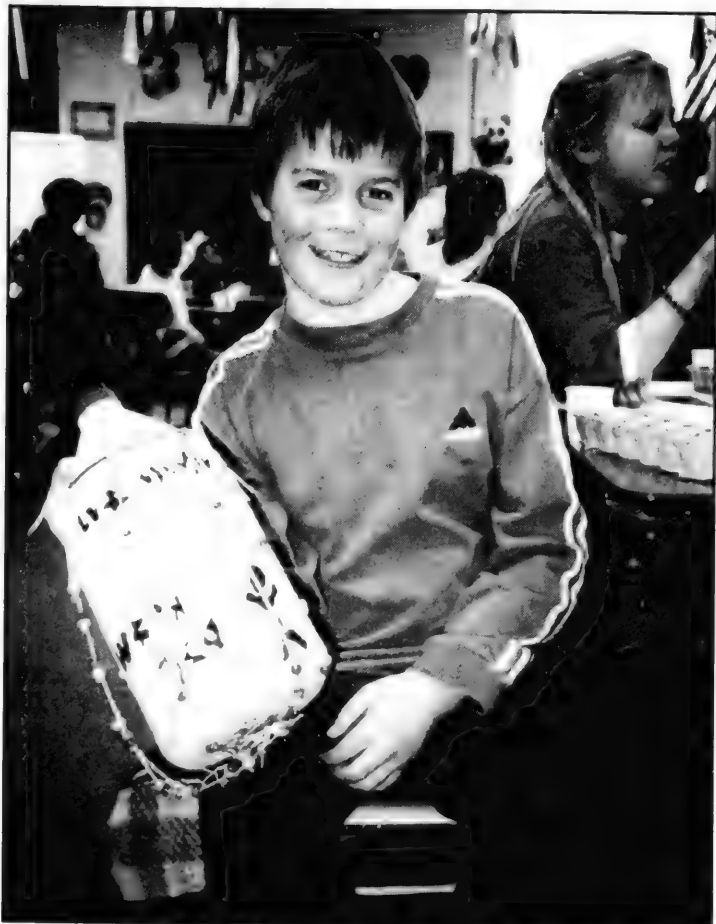
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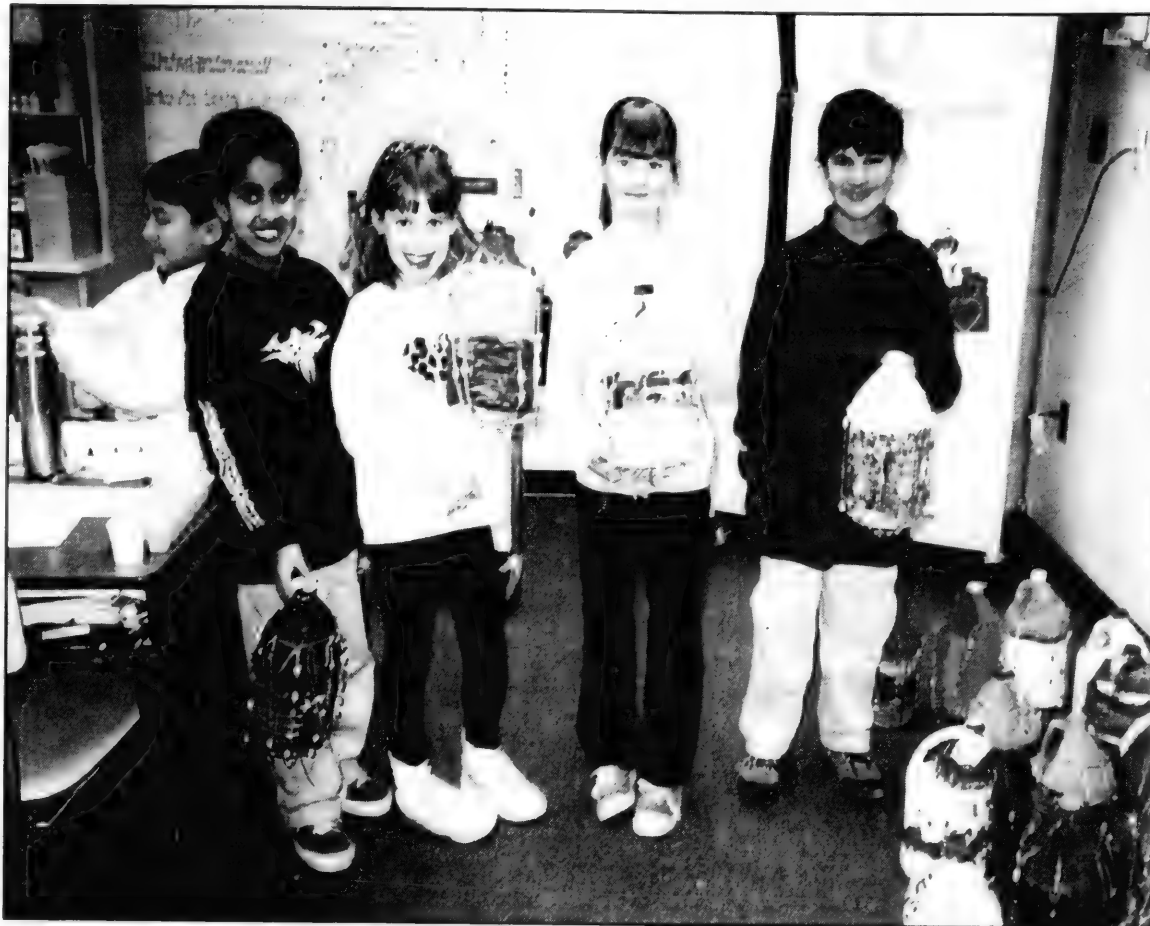
They've got rhythm — Third-graders in Diane Stefanelli's class at West Elementary School made shekeres, an African percussion instrument made from a hollowed-out gourd and then beaded, while studying African culture during Black History Month. At left, Sam Dempsey shows off his creation. At right, Qaasim Ahmed, Caitlin Peterman, Caroline Biles and Rob Martin demonstrate some other design possibilities.

Spelling bee

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The funds raised from the Spelling Bee will be used to increase the AFE endowment and for competitive grants awarded to teachers and administrators in the Andover schools. To receive entry materials please contact Bill Kane at 475-5041.

The Andover Fund for Education is a non-profit organization founded in 1991 to support Andover's public schools. Twice a year the group disburses grants to Andover teachers for innovative projects that are beyond the scope of the school budget. Since its founding, the AFE has funded 45 programs in every school, grade and academic area.



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Andona Society's scholarship applications available

This year the Andona Society will award five \$2000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors whose official, permanent residence is Andover. One of these awards will be designated as a 766 PAC scholarship. Seniors attending Andover High School, Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School or a private school are eligible to apply for the scholarships.

Applications are now available at the Andover High School guidance office. Private school seniors can obtain applications at the Memorial Hall Library reference desk or by mailing a request to: Andona Society, P.O. Box 256, Andover, MA 01810 Attn: Arleen Jaracz. AHS applications must be received in the school guidance office by Friday, April 14. Private school and other postal applications

must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 14.

The Andona Society, a nonprofit charitable organization founded in 1952, raised more than \$50,000 last year to benefit Andover youth programs.

For more information on the Andona Society and to receive membership information, please contact Jody Nelson, Membership Chairperson, at 686-9081.

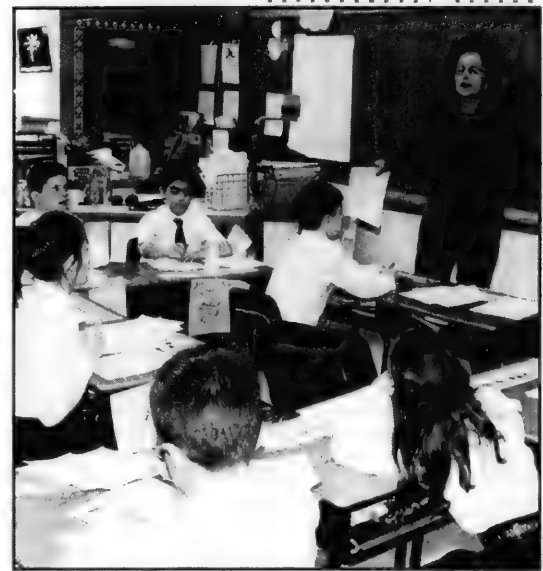


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Professor Barbra Helfgott Hyett, a poet, visited Megan O'Donnells third grade class at St. Augustines on Monday. The school received a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Enrichment Council to bring in poets to teach children that poetry can be made from anything. In this class, they made math into poetry.

Buba named to Dean's list

Jonathan Z. Buba of Andover was named to the Dean's List for the fall 1999 semester at The John Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. To be selected for this honor, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Johnathan is the son of Richard and Eugenia Buba and attended Andover High School. He is majoring in mechanical engineering and will graduate in May 2000.

Opportunity for teachers

Teachers are invited to register for an upcoming series of workshops being offered by Immigrant City Archives, the historical society of Lawrence. Using the primary source materials at ICA, teachers will work with local experts and museum educators to create an interdisciplinary unit for classroom use on the history and environment of the Merrimack River as it relates to the development of Lawrence. The six topics, which will be led by experts in each topic, will be an introduction to the subject, the Industrial Revolution (engineering and textile production), immigration and mill workers, watershed protection, and recreational uses. Juliet Mofford of Museum Education services will facilitate alternating workshops on curriculum unit development related to each topic.

Workshops will take place on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons (3:30-5:30 p.m.) from April 12 to May 31 at Immigrant City Archives, 6 Essex St., Lawrence. Teachers will receive Professional Development Points. Call Paige Roberts, executive director of Immigrant City Archives at 686-9230, to register for the workshop series.

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News

Neighborhood divide drives out residents

By Neil Fater

Three Center Street residents who claim they're moving out of town because of a neighbor's actions, asked the Board of Selectmen on Monday why the neighbor, Perry Raffi, is allowed to remain on a town board while facing an assault charge.

But before selectmen could answer, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski stepped in and told selectmen they should not discuss the matter openly.

"It's really something for an executive session that (Raffi) and his attorney can or should be present for. There's really no discussion of a personnel matter in public. Can't be, shouldn't be," said Stapczynski.

Madeline Partridge and Ron and Michelle Kravette, all Center Street residents looking to move out of the neighborhood, said they turned to selectmen for help Monday because they feel paid officials, including Stapczynski, are not interested in becoming involved in their neighborhood dispute.

Raffi, the Kravettes and the Partridges all live near each other on Center Street in Ballardvale. Raffi and Ron Kravette are members of the Ballardvale Historic District Commission. Police have been called to the Center Street neighborhood repeatedly during the past year because of reported problems.

But the neighborhood problems apparently came to a head at a controversial Jan. 5 meeting of the Ballardvale Historic District Commission.

At that meeting, a dispute regarding a fence on Raffi's property led to a heated argument.

Following the meeting, the Partridges charged Raffi with assault.

A pretrial hearing on the matter is scheduled in Lawrence District Court March 30.

With the assault charge pending, Madeline Partridge and the Kravettes said they had hoped Monday that selectmen would explain why Raffi hasn't been removed from the commission pending the outcome of his case.

"We just wanted to put it in the front that we were curious why he was a representative of the town. We didn't expect anything other than to let them know we were curious," said Ron Kravette. "They certainly quashed discussion."

"It's the same circle. It's just, keep passing the buck, keep passing the buck, keep passing the buck. It's very upsetting. I've had to put my house on the market," said Partridge, tears welling in her eyes. "My husband was born and raised on this street and Buzz (Stapczynski) doesn't do anything."

"Our town has problems like every other town," she said.

Partridge and the Kravettes say they feel Andover officials don't want to become involved with the issue.

"I call them, but they never return my calls. It's very upsetting. I'm about 60 years old and I don't need this," said Partridge. "(My husband) grew up on Center Street. After 45 years, we're leaving."

The Kravettes say that when they learned Michelle was pregnant they also decided, "That's it. We are out."

"Long after we are gone, (Raffi) will still be here, and they'll still have this stuff," said Ron Kravette.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Past, present and, maybe, future? That's what selectman candidate Ted Teichert (center) is hoping, as he poses with former selectman Gail Ralston (left) and current Selectman Lori Becker. The three were at the Andover Democratic Town Committee's luncheon on Saturday to honor former selectmen chairman Jerry Silverman and Town Moderator Jim Doherty.

Planners taking zoning issues to Town Meeting

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Planners have proposed several articles for Annual Town Meeting Voters this year, from house-cleaning to zoning issues.

Article 82, to amend town bylaws governing the special permit for attached cluster. The change would allow condominiums to be built on property of more than 25 acres. Under current laws, established in 1995, condos are not allowed on lots that size.

One example of property in town of that size that has potential for such development is owned by Met Life, located on Haggetts Pond Road, says Planning Director Steve Colyer.

Under current law, "we may be locking out development we could use," Colyer says, citing the lack of affordable housing in Andover for rental or purchase.

While Article 82 would provide an alternative to large, single-family homes, it does not provide any financial incentive to developers to create more affordable housing, he says.

If the article passes, a developer aiming to build condominiums on property of more than 25 acres would still be required to seek a special permit from the Planning Board, Colyer says.

Article 83 would change laws governing condo development to allow condos to have up to eight rooms. Cur-

rent laws limit condos to be built with four rooms, Colyer says.

Article 84, which defines the town's Flood Hazard District, is meant to clear up discrepancies between federal guidelines and local building codes.

The issue arose through interpretations made to evaluate the Powder Mill Square project flooding issues that required a recommendation from the inspector of buildings.

The bylaw was drafted by Andover attorney Bob Lavoie, who represents Northpoint Realty, the company proposing to develop the Powder Mill Square project.

Articles 63 and 64 are also the result of issues raised by discussions around the Powder Mill Square project. The measures would both provide the town with the right to flood Powder Mill Square property in the event of storm. Article 63 would provide the right as an easement, while Article 64 would provide it as a conservation restriction.

Article 76 clarifies the definition of "slope" in zoning by-laws. Since developable land is dwindling, developers seek to build on lots with more difficult topography, and questions about legal requirements of slope are on the rise, Colyer says.

Article 45, which would transfer a portion of land to the Andover Village Improvement Society, is "a house-cleaning issue," Colyer says.

Residents appeal Powder Mill Square approval

By Rebecca Lipchitz

A group of 10 residents is seeking to block the Powdermill Square Project, which the Conservation Commission approved with a lengthy order of conditions.

Peter Hadley, Patrick Robbins and other neighbors of the potential apartment building/medical office and clinic say the site is too close to the river, and that such a project would pollute the river and cause more flooding in an area that is already prone to flooding.

Engineers for Powder Mill Square designed the building with a parking garage on the ground floor designed to flood in large storms.

Residents appealed the project on several grounds, including the project's potential effect on the river, and what they call an out-

dated FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) formula that affects flooding regulations.

They also charge that the amount of paved area on the site is misrepresented on the developer's plans, changing the way the area would flood.

ConsCom member Paul Finger says the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) may issue superceding orders or deny the project.

"We felt we addressed the issues adequately, but many times, the DEP won't take the same position," he says.

Finger says the ConsCom was most concerned with issues affecting the flood plain, while the Planning Board is charged with considering health and safety issues such as

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Lawyer says proposed bylaw would ban newsracks

By Neil Fater

While a lawyer for the *Eagle-Tribune* Publishing Co. argued that Andover's proposed newsracks bylaw would effectively ban newspaper boxes from Main Street and is unconstitutional, selectmen currently still plan to bring the idea to Town Meeting.

But after Peter Caruso, *Eagle-Tribune* lawyer, suggested that selectmen could have improved things if they had simply called newspaper companies and asked for changes, town officials say they will do that before Town Meeting to work out an agreement.

"I would still like to leave this in place in the

warrant," said Selectman Mary French, of the bylaw. "Let's have a fall-back position."

Larry Larsen was the only selectman to vote against recommending the bylaw to Town Meeting. In a separate vote, French, Brian Major and Lori Becker voted to wait to decide on a recommendation.

Town officials say they want the bylaw so they can control the location, color and appearance of the newspaper boxes. Selectmen have particularly complained about the fluorescent boxes used to distribute free pamphlets, both because of their color, and because they have been found tipped over or tied to trees.

Town Planner Steve Colyer said that when Andover held meetings on improving the downtown, "Newsracks were raised over and over again; many people felt they were an eyesore."

As a result, the town drafted a newsracks bylaw that covers nearly three full pages of the town warrant.

Among its prohibitions, the bylaw lists that newsracks can't be within 10 feet of, for example:

- any marked crosswalk;
- any fire hydrant, fire or police call box, or other emergency facility of device;
- any driveway;
- any sign marking a designated bus stop;
- any location where pedestrian passage would be reduced to less than six feet.

It also prohibits, for example, any newsrack within five feet of any sign, street-light pole, traffic signal pole, utility pole, parking meeting, window display, or building entrance. There are a total of 21 conditions.

"As the bylaw is proposed, each and every one of (the Tribune Company's) newsracks are in violation of at least one of the 21 conditions that the bylaw proposes," said Caruso. "Downtown is just so big. You've effectively outlawed newsracks in downtown Andover."

"There are First Amendment guarantees, at least here in America," said Caruso. "I believe it is unconstitutional."

"Content is, in fact, constitution-

ally protected," he said. "We have to be careful, I guess, on some of our editorials."

Caruso also questioned the town's contention that the bylaw is needed because a newsrack could become a projectile in a hurricane or earthquake.

"Right now, I don't know of anyone who's been hurt by a news box," said Caruso. "I think the bylaw is really overkill."

"I don't really think the town has to wait until anything bad happens. If something is tied to a fire hydrant, as is (banned) by the bylaw, there's no reason for the town to wait to have a fire to limit what can be attached to a fire hydrant," argued Town Counsel Tom Urbelis.

Urbelis also said "There is no regulation of content here as far as what's in those newsracks. You can't regulate the content of what's in that box."

But Caruso noted that the bylaw itself states its purpose is "to regulate in a fair and equal manner all newsracks and their contents."

Police Chief Brian Pattullo said police have contacted companies in the past to correct problems with the boxes.

"We have, on occasion, asked people to find a better location and they've always complied," said Pattullo. "I think there should be some guidelines that should be in place so that those placing a news box know what's in place. That could be as simple as having a guideline available at Town Offices."

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Campus brawl brings arrests

Three Merrimack College students are facing charges following a campus brawl that forced Merrimack police to use pepper spray to extract a school safety officer from the crowd.

Andover's fire and police departments became involved in the incident around 1:45 a.m. Saturday morning.

"There were approximately 250 students milling around outside of the dorms. Many were carrying around six packs and cans of beer. There were also beers on the ground," says Andover Lt. Kevin Winters. "A couple of students that were arrested, they had to use O.C. spray on them, that's pepper

spray. It was the Merrimack officers who had to use it."

Robert F. J. Hulse, 22, of 555 Potter Boulevard, Brightwaters, N.Y.; Thomas Reilly, 21, of 35 Lowell Road, Winthrop; and James Holton, 6441 Holiday Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana, were each charged with being a disorderly person and resisting arrest. Holton was also charged with assault and battery on a police officer.

They each pleaded not guilty to the charges in Lawrence District Court Tuesday, and will not return to court until June 8 for pretrial hearings.

— Neil Fater

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Ecstasy ...

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Andover Targe Inn parking lot as a favor for someone. He would not reveal who he was assisting, say police.

"We wanted to talk to him about whether he could help us, and he said, 'No,'" says Officer Michael Lane.

But Lane and Detective Jim Haggerty, of Andover's drug unit, say they will need to rely on informants as they seek to arrest Ecstasy peddlers and users. Unlike marijuana users, users of the nightclub drug Ecsta-

sy can be difficult to catch since they can so easily hide the tablet. Many may not even have the drug on them once they leave their homes.

"It's hard to catch anybody with it, because they take it before they go out. They're all screwed up, but you don't know why. There's no alcohol on their breath," says Lane.

A user is unlikely to have more than one pill on them, and can quickly swallow that to get rid of the evidence, say police.

"Even if you suspect something's going on, you're not going to find (the drug) on them," says Detective Jim Haggerty. "It's good for six hours."

That's one reason why information will be important for police. Andover police believe they can develop enough good information about drug sales to arrest Ecstasy sellers. They have already made six Ecstasy arrests this year, of people aged 17 to 26.

"It's one of those situations where, if you're lucky enough to arrest somebody, it can lead to the next phase," says Haggerty. "That's why we have this unit together."

Lane says he believes Ecstasy use in Andover is a relatively new occurrence.

"We don't think it's a big, prevalent thing here," says Lt. Arthur Ricci, but he adds, "Ecstasy's all over the place."

The Ecstasy pills taken from Audy's vehicle in Andover's

Targe Inn parking lot March 8 were round with a squatting man or Buddha on them, say police. But Ecstasy tablets come in several shapes and colors, and with an amazing variety of designs on them — from a yin-yang symbol to business logos.

During a four-month period last year, the state drug lab found 75 different logos on pills confiscated during just 200 busts.

Throughout the country, Ecstasy is known by many names including "disco biscuit," but around here is typically called just Ecstasy or "E," say police. The U.S. Department of Justice classifies Ecstasy as a stimulant with "a high potential for abuse with no legitimate medical use."

Drug arrests up, say police

While Andover's Ecstasy arrest has garnered attention this week, drug arrests have been more frequent in the police department for the past year.

Chief Brian Pattullo says the increase in the arrests is largely due to the work of the drug unit and the existence of Blaze, the police dog that can sniff out drugs.

But he says he has also made drug enforcement a priority for all officers. This means that officers are more



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger
Forbidden Ecstasy.

carefully looking for signs of drug use during otherwise routine traffic stops, he says.

"So instead of the bottom line being traffic enforcement, we say, 'Yes, do the traffic enforcement, but remember, crime travels on wheels,'" he says.

"We might end up with a dealer," says Pattullo. "But we're targeting the drug user, because if we make people aware we're targeting the drug user, maybe they'll think twice."

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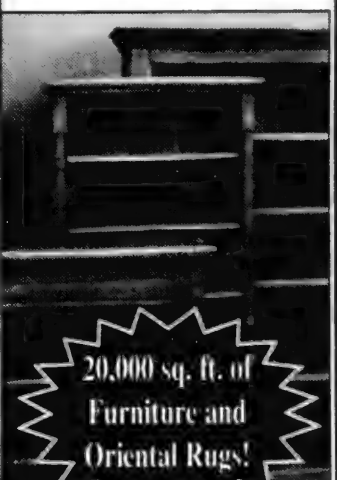
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Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

"I'd rather be doing this than hiring many of the positions (recommended by Stapczynski). I'd rather be doing this than hiring a full-time painter," said Larsen, referring to the plant and facilities department, which had requested and received one new full-time painter in Stapczynski's recommended budget. Stapczynski also approved 11 other new positions.

While Stapczynski argued about such "competing needs" Monday, selectmen said youth services needs another program assistant immediately because it's offering so many new, popular programs.

"They have gone on for too long understaffed," said Becker. "I can't see any reason not to support it."

"I see this department growing exponentially," said Major. "I would hope that when we do grow this organization, there would be a woman hired into this organization because we are working with both (genders) at the middle- and high-school ranks."

Flip-flop

Becker and Major offer different reasons for their change of heart. Their vote to support the town manager's

budget last week surprised some, because both have been vocal supporters, and chaperones, of youth service programs.

Becker said she wanted to move to add the position last week, "but I didn't know what to do."

"Here I am two years, and I don't even know," she said. "There is no rule book."

Becker said she could not find another selectman to support adding the position, or an official to tell her how much she needed to add for the program assistant.

She notes that on Monday officials struggled to determine they would need to add \$31,209 to the budget for the position.

"It took them 10 minutes to figure it out," she said.

Major says that his decision to wait simply "ate away at me" all week, and when Larsen revisited the issue Monday "it seemed like the right thing to do."

Let's bring clerks in to build departments' bases and help handle the increased activities," says Major. "But as I thought more about it, it really ate away at me that with youth, you can't afford to wait."

Major says he also believes that the two existing youth services employees work long hours without calling for contractually obligated overtime

because of their commitment.

"As some point, that's going to run out, and you're going to overtax the employees and that's going to have a negative impact," he says.

Competing interests

For his part, Stapczynski said he regularly sees young people visiting the youth services office down the hall from his.

"Certainly we all value what is going on there. The issue is competing needs," said Stapczynski.

Stapczynski noted that his recommended youth services budget increases by \$5,000 the fund used for hiring youth services' seasonal employees.

"(And) we've doubled the amount of monies we have earmarked for the revolving account (from \$50,000 to \$100,000)," he said. "That revolving account is meant to be used for personnel — personnel and programming."

Mary French was the lone selectman to oppose adding the assistant.

"Youth is a clear priority for all of us, but I do feel that we have an obligation to work with the town manager," she said. "At the moment my vote will be no (new position) because I believe there's a process involved that needs to be followed."

"You make a good point that we need to have respect for the process, but this is the process," argued Larsen.

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traffic.

Residents, town officials and representatives of the DEP are scheduled to walk the site, at the corner of Stevens and North Main streets, this morning, Thursday.

DEP officials hope to determine "if the area is significant to the (Wetlands Protection) Act and to informally discuss all relevant issues," according to a letter from James Sprague, section chief at DEP.

The project was approved by the ConsCom in January. Four of five Planning Board members would have to approve the project in order for it to pass.

In a discussion about the project on Feb. 22, Planning Board member Paul Salafia said he believes the town is in need of rental housing and a health clinic.

"It's just a great way to use that land. It just makes good sense," he said.

Issues such as traffic or the size of the building in relation to the site, which board member Linn Anderson calls "ambitious," could be the price Andover has to pay for a such a project, Salafia said.

"Traffic in that area needs to be improved. This is something positive I think we can do for the town. This is one of the reasons I became a planner, to have an imprint on the town," he said.

Planning Board Chairman Michael Miller said that while he may have doubted the developer's traffic consultant, the same results came from the independent consultant hired for the town at the expense of the developer.

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respect for a person of conviction who will speak his mind, even if it conflicts with "the party line."

Don Robb is especially experienced in the financial matters in this town. We should all look to his leadership in this area. With costs increasing our taxes annually, this aspect of government is of the utmost importance.

I urge the voters of Andover to vote for Don Robb for selectman. Elect the most experienced candidate.

James R. Sellers
40 York St.

Vote for Major

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am writing today to express my strong endorsement for Brian Major for selectman. On occasion I have watched the weekly selectman meetings and have observed all the Selectmen (and women) "in action."

There is no doubt in my mind that Brian is always well prepared, is fair in his decision making process, and does thorough research prior to finalizing his opinion and presenting his position. As a teacher I also appreciate his strong stand on maintaining and strengthening our Andover school system. I believe his record stands for itself, and I am going to vote for Brian Major for selectman on Tuesday March 28, and I hope you will too.

Olivia Sintros
118 Bellevue Road

Vote for Major and Robb

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Major and Robb, or Robb and Major. Either way they represent a mix of deep experience and belief in town governance, with an added plus being Brian's commitment to youth. We are truly fortunate to have two such fine candidates.

So, happily, they get my two votes!

Fred Stott
4 Robandy Road

Vote for Teichert

Editor, *Townsmen*:

During the past several weeks, we have been asked on numerous occasions how we felt about my son Ted being a candidate for selectman in Andover. Our answer is obviously that we are more than proud that Ted is willing to serve the community that he was raised in.

Having been involved with many town organizations as a child, we are glad to see Ted is now going to give back to the community that gave Ted and the rest of our family so much.

While our family owned and operated two downtown businesses, Ted not only worked for our family but also worked for Andover by being part of the Andover Downtown Merchants Association and the Chamber of Commerce, which he is still associated with through the Andover Junior Football League.

To give you an idea of how dedicated Ted is to Andover, he continued to be involved in Andover's different organizations when he lived out of town. As he was getting ready to move back to

Andover, he was already looking into where else and what else he could do to serve his hometown.

He immediately began attending selectmen's meetings to become more informed, became vice chairman of the Millennium Committee, got to know selectmen past and present, different department heads and many other town employees.

Having done all this, we know Ted is aware of the issues and concerns facing Andover today. Being the type of person Ted is and knowing him as we do, Ted will address issues with an open mind, look at them from all sides, and obtain as much knowledge as he can before making a decision that will affect our town.

Ted has the knowledge, sense of community, and a fundamental desire to serve his town and yours.

It is with pride that we encourage you to vote, Ted Teichert, selectman, on Tuesday March 28.

Jane and Fred Teichert
31 Suncrest Road

Vote for Robb

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Leadership, Experience, Integrity. You have read these words in his political advertisements and if you know him, or have had the opportunity to work with Don Robb, you can agree that these words truly describe the man and his dedication to Andover.

Don has devoted the past 20 years to making Andover a better place for everyone to live, work and raise a family. While serving on the School Committee and the Finance Committee, he has worked hard to help shape Andover into

the community it is today, a vibrant successful town that attracts both businesses and families.

A vote for Don Robb will ensure strong leadership for the future of Andover.

Chris and Mary Hartnett
2 Carisbrooke St.

News for vets

The Andover Veterans Services office is seeking World War II veterans who either took part in the liberation of Nazi death camps or visited those camps after liberation. Temple Emanuel in Andover wishes to include these veterans in its annual Holocaust Memorial program, which will be held this year on May 7. All such veterans are asked to call John Doherty at 623-8218.

All female Andover veterans are urged to attend the first annual Statewide Women's Conference at Worcester on Wednesday, April 5. This precedent-setting event will bring together women veterans from across the Commonwealth to discuss topics of mutual interest, such as medical issues, health care planning and state and federal benefits available to veterans.

The conference will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and lunch will be available at a nominal cost. Free round-trip motor coach transportation will be provided from the Andover Town Offices. Those interested are asked to call John Doherty at Veterans Services, 623-8218, no later than March 15.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, March 8 — At 8:10 p.m., police arrested Keith J. Audy, 26, of 15 Katherine St., Methuen, at the Taje Inn for trafficking in class B (Ecstasy), being a disorderly person, resisting arrest and operating a motor vehicle after the right was suspended (see story, page 1).

Thursday, March 9 — At 8:51 p.m., police took a 55-year-old Lawrence man into protective custody.

Saturday, March 11 — At 1:49 a.m., police arrested three men at Merrimack College after reports of a large fight. Robert F. J. Hulse, 22,

of 555 Potter Boulevard, Brightwaters, N.Y.; Thomas Rielly, 21, of 35 Lowell Road, Winthrop; and James Holton, 6441 Holiday Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana, were each charged with being a disorderly person and resisting arrest. Holton was also charged with assault and battery on a police officer.

Sunday, March 12 — At 3:15 a.m., police made a motor vehicle stop at Porter Road, arrested one and brought two other subjects home. Police arrested Frank B. Chen, 17, of 12 Cloverfield Drive, for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Monday, March 13 — Police arrested Dana M. Raymond, 21, of 378 Haverhill St., Lawrence on a warrant, and Joshua M. Ginsberg, 21, of 12 Kingston St., North Andover, for carrying a dangerous weapon.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, March 8 — At 9:40 a.m., a caller requested assistance with an animal problem — a skunk living under one of the portables at Sanborn School. The animal control officer was dispatched to give advice.

Thursday, March 8 — At 1:35 a.m., a caller reported three horses loose at 134 North St. Owners were notified, and the horses were returned to the barn.

Friday, March 10 — A caller from School Street reported passing some roofers while she was walking her dog. She said the roofers pointed a staple gun or nail gun in the air to aggravate the dog, but then declined to file a written report on the incident.

At 10:42 a.m., an Arrowood Lane caller reported a goose in his yard with an arrow sticking out of it. The animal control officer said people have been trying for over a week to capture the goose but no one was successful.

Monday, March 13 — A Whispering Pines Drive resident reported that a carpet cleaning company representative asked her strange questions while he was visiting her home. An officer filed a report.

THEFTS

Thursday, March 9 — At 11:25 a.m., an Abbot Street caller reported her house was broken into. Her cleaning lady came to the house and called the owner at work. The homeowner reported that money that was on the table is now missing. Officers investigated and took

fingerprints.

Saturday, March 11 — At 10:58 a.m., a woman called from the Silverado Athletic Club to report \$60 was stolen from her pocketbook between 10 and 11 a.m.,

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, March 8 — At 2:28 p.m., a caller reported someone hit her car while it was parked in the parking lot at the Senior Center, but left no information.

Thursday, March 9 — At 1:37 p.m., a caller reported her license plate was stolen off of her car while she was shopping at the Shawsheen Plaza.

Friday, March 10 — At 10:45 p.m., a caller reported a hit-and-run at Andover High School.

Sunday, March 12 — A caller from the Wyndham Hotel called to report his Honda Accord was stolen sometime since Friday night.

At 2:01 p.m., a caller reported that people got into his car while it was parked at CVS and stole 50 CDs.

ACCIDENTS

Sunday, March 12 — At 9:35 p.m., a caller from River Road reported hitting a tree while driving toward Lowell from Route 93. The caller reported that no one seemed to be hurt, but called back and complained of neck and chest pains. An ambulance was dispatched.

Monday, March 13 — Police responded to a report of a pedestrian hit by a motor vehicle in Chestnut Court.

VANDALISM

Wednesday, March 8 — At 8:32 a.m., a Greybirch Road resident reported that someone threw a marble through his window.

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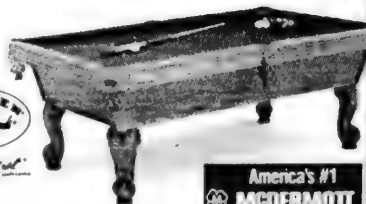
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Gun control ...

(Continued from page 8)

out of a store.
And this time, it wasn't the kids who got nervous. It was the adult.

This is not another hymn of praise to the good old days when we all gathered around the black-and-white TV to watch *Father Knows Best*. After all, we grew up to learn that Father drank too much.

There were plenty of schoolyard brawls and profanity on grade-school playgrounds in the allegedly quiet 1950s.

Still, the contrast of those two scenes came to mind as we begin to wallow through the really serious months of a presidential campaign, and during a week when we wonder how a 17-year-old kid could be crazed enough to fire random shots at cars on Route 495, as police allege.

Invariably we will hear, "Can't we just take away the guns?"

Invariably we will hear, as we are hearing already, that if we just had more and better gun-control laws, then things like this would be far less likely to happen.

Invariably, we will hear that those who think the problem is within — a lack of self-control, the disintegration of the family, violent movies, the media or other societal ills — are living in a dream world. This is today's reality, we are told, and we have to deal with what is, not the way we wish things

were.

Yes, we do have to deal with what is. But anybody who thinks more gun restrictions is going to cure this stuff is dreaming as well.

Take a look at our nation's long-running "War on Drugs," and ask yourself seriously if you think a similar approach with guns will curb the violence that is lurking in the hearts of kids like the two I saw on the sidewalk just one town away. Give those little thugs four or five years, and I have no doubt that they will be able to get a gun if they want it — illegal or not — and that they will be willing to use it.

Drugs are already illegal. The D.A.R.E. program has been around for more than a generation. The government spends billions fighting suppliers and throwing users in jail.

The result? The drug trade continues to flourish. Talk to Andover High students, or recent graduates, and they'll all tell you that even here, in white, upscale suburbia, drug and alcohol use is rampant.

I've had front-line cops tell me that the war on drugs is a miserable failure. That it's a bad joke. What makes us think it will be different with guns?

It's much simpler to attack the symptoms of a problem than the problem itself. It makes everybody feel like "something is being done."

But "today's reality" is that no amount of gun control will succeed without self control.

Talk back to Taylor Armerding at tarmerd-ing@andovertownsmen.com

Arts & Entertainment

Short cuts

Neil Fater



Shamrock singing

Ever have trouble deciding what you want for lunch? Then you probably can sympathize with Irish Catholics this week.

With St. Patrick's Day falling on a Lenten Friday (traditionally a time of no meat allowed), many tradition-bound Irish Catholics must be doing mental gymnastics at the deli counter.

Let's face it, Catholics are known for carrying guilt, even over salted meats.

So if you see someone sweating by the deli counter muttering, "Should I have corned beef or fish? Corned beef or fish?! Corned beef or fish!?" give them your support.

But even the most devout St. Patrick's Day lovers shouldn't feel guilty about getting into the shamrock spirit a day early.

And residents can begin celebrating St. Patrick's Day with Robbie O'Connell, tonight, Thursday, March 16 at 8 p.m. at the Rogers Center on the Merrimack College campus.

Tickets for the O'Connell show are \$12 in advance, \$10 for seniors and Merrimack College employees, \$15 at the door and \$5 for students.

The Rogers Center box office can be reached by calling 837-5355, weekdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.



Irish eyes – and songs, by Robbie O'Connell.

Tattoos, without the commitment

By Neil Fater

Think of all the people out there who regret getting tattoos. Think of all the unwanted snakes and butterflies and *I love Susies*. Think of all the people who stare at their biceps or stomach or chest every morning and think, *Well, it seemed a good idea at the time.*

Now, imagine the improvement if those people could wash away their old tattoo — or trade it in for a new one.

That's essentially what you get with Mehndi, also called henna, the Eastern art of the temporary tattoo.

Mehndi artist Nidhi Singhal says that even the best henna applications last only a month, meaning the tattoo is likely to wear out before its welcome does.

Henna is an Old World plant, as well as the dye that comes from this plant's leaves. This dye can be made into a henna paste that will temporarily dye someone's skin rust-colored when properly applied.

"It's becoming very popular here. Madonna got one. Demi Moore got it," says Singhal, who has offered her tattooing talent at events for Andover middle-school students. "The best part of it is it's painless."

Now Singhal, of Meadow View Lane, is offering her abilities to the town at large. She believes Andover will welcome the availability of a temporary-tattoo artist.

Born in India, Singhal saw henna artists decorate people's bodies for

events such as weddings and birthday parties. Typically, brides and grooms would get them on their hands, feet, wrists and ankles.

"I used to enjoy watching it when I was a child. I started practicing henna



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Tattoo you — Nidhi Singhal practices the art of henna, a temporary tattoo she first saw applied as a young girl in India. The rust-colored tattoo is painless and vanishes within a month.

on a piece of cardboard. I'd draw a hand and then I'd do one," she says. "I've always had an interest in arts and crafts. Mainly, I'm doing this for fun."

But she's also hoping to do this as a business. Singhal plans to charge \$60 per hour, has a book full of potential designs, and also plans to create her own options. She can be reached at 475-5053.

"I can do almost any design at this point. The more I do it as a business, I'm going to get better and better, I feel, because it comes from practice," she says.

It can take some time to get a henna tattoo. Singhal says it takes about 20 minutes to get a simple design around the wrist.

But the process is painless.

First, henna is put into small tubes, similar in looks to those used by cake decorators.

An artist like Singhal uses the tubes to spread henna paste in patterns on one's skin. The paste will dry and should not be touched for about two hours, she says. When the dried paste is scraped away, it leaves a rust-colored tattoo design.

Singhal says henna is for both men and women.

"I would say it's for everyone because everyone gets tattoos over here. But, in India it's not that popular for men.

Men don't get it done unless they are getting married," she says.

Hey, that's another way to limit those regrettable and embarrassing *I love Susie* tattoos.

Rush picks his gold Finally, the finalists

Frank Morey, a 1990 Andover High School graduate, and 13 other finalists will audition live for music legend Tom Rush, Sunday, March 19 at West Middle School.

Rush will pick one or two of the finalists to perform with him and Grammy-winner Janis Ian at the Collins Center on May 13. Rush is bringing his popular, traveling Club 47 show to the Collins Center stage that day. Tickets for the May 13 show can be purchased through Ticketmaster.

But no tickets are needed for the March 19 audition.

Organizers plan to allow 300 to 500 people to watch the auditions so they can get an idea of how audiences respond to the musicians.

The audition will open to the public at 12:30 p.m.



Using what looks like a cake decorating tube full of henna paste...

"It takes patience," says Nidhi Singhal, of Andover, shown applying a henna design. Above, she displays the finished product.

Photos by Lisa Adelsberger



Singhal applies a design all the way around a client's wrist, then the hand (at right). Minutes later, the design is done...



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Gallery group

A gallery talk in conjunction with *Between Image and Object: The Prints of Robert Mangold* is also coming soon.

Yve-Alain Bois, Joseph Pulitzer Jr. professor of modern art at Harvard University and Robert Mangold will hold the discussion in the Addison on March 19 at 2 p.m. The free talk is open to the public.

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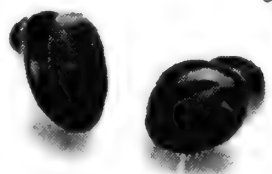
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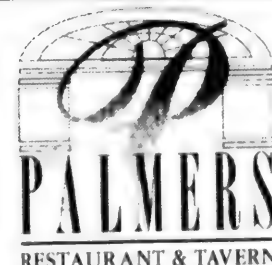
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Reading Symphony gets popular

The Reading Symphony Orchestra plans to play some recognizable classical music pieces during a matinee performance at Cochran Chapel at Phillips Academy, Sunday March 20 at 3:30 p.m. Joined by renowned pianist Duncan Cumming, the RSO will perform the music of Edvard Grieg and Ludwig Van Beethoven.

"The pieces we are presenting are 'popular' in two senses," says RSO conductor Roland Vazquez, of Andover. "They are among the most popularly acclaimed works in the concert repertoire of orchestras throughout the world. But more essentially, they are 'popular' in how they came to be. Both Grieg and Beethoven attempted to enrich their artistic impulse with elements of folk music and dance."

Vazquez says that everyone in the community orchestra, from a 12-year-old to the 60-year-old learned to play by practicing such pieces.

"One aspect of being a community orchestra

is there's an educational aspect to it," says Vazquez.

"For a lot of people, these are pieces that they got to know as a kid," he says. "They're the great classics."

"What is it about the Grieg *Piano Concerto* that made it the most popular in the world at one time? Then, for a while they weren't even playing it," says Vazquez. "I like to revisit those pieces once in a while."

Sunday's concert program begins with *Norwegian Dances, Op. 35* by Grieg. Accompanying special guest Duncan Cumming on piano, the symphony will preform Grieg's *Piano Concerto, a-minor, Op. 16*.

After intermission, Reading Symphony will play Beethoven's *Symphony #6, F-minor, Op.68, "Sinfonia Pastorale"*.

Vazquez says of the Beethoven's piece, "For him, it's the closest he gets to writing 'popular' music, music that relates to the real world."

Cumming is on the faculty at Phillips Academy in Andover and is a member of the Boston-based Christiane Trio.

This season, after performing the Reading Symphony, Cumming will be recording a solo piano compact disc in August, and playing Mozart's *Concerto in E-flat, K.271*, with the Maine Chamber Ensemble in September.

Founded in 1933, the Reading Symphony Orchestra includes orchestra members from Reading, Stoneham, Lynnfield, North Reading, Andover, No. Andover, and other surrounding communities. The RSO will finish its 67th season with a Pops concert May 20. Tickets for the Reading Symphony performance are available at the door, \$10 general admission, \$5 students and seniors.

Neil Fater

Calling all black-and-whites

Organizers are seeking entries to the Photo 2000 Black and White Classic Juried Photography Show in Lowell.

The deadline is April 2, at 5 p.m. There will be cash awards and an opening reception April 9. Black and white photographs only are sought.

"Work must be framed and ready to hang and hand delivered on April 1 or 2," say organizers. For other details, residents can ask for a prospectus by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Photo 2000, Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market St., Lowell, MA 01825. Interested artists can also call (978) 459-7819, Wednesday to Sunday, 12-4 p.m.



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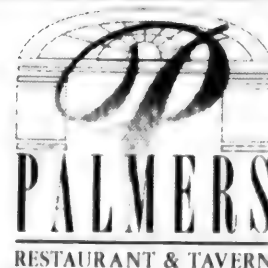
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Reading Symphony gets popular

The Reading Symphony Orchestra plans to play some recognizable classical music pieces during a matinee performance at Cochran Chapel at Phillips Academy, Sunday March 20 at 3:30 p.m. Joined by renowned pianist Duncan Cumming, the RSO will perform the music of Edvard Grieg and Ludwig Van Beethoven.

"The pieces we are presenting are 'popular' in two senses," says RSO conductor Roland Vazquez, of Andover. "They are among the most popularly acclaimed works in the concert repertoire of orchestras throughout the world. But more essentially, they are 'popular' in how they came to be. Both Grieg and Beethoven attempted to enrich their artistic impulse with elements of folk music and dance."

Vazquez says that everyone in the community orchestra, from a 12-year-old to the 60-year-old learned to play by practicing such pieces.

"One aspect of being a community orchestra

is there's an educational aspect to it," says Vazquez.

"For a lot of people, these are pieces that they got to know as a kid," he says. "They're the great classics."

"What is it about the Grieg *Piano Concerto* that made it the most popular in the world at one time? Then, for a while they weren't even playing it," says Vazquez. "I like to revisit those pieces once in a while."

Sunday's concert program begins with *Norwegian Dances, Op. 35* by Grieg. Accompanying special guest Duncan Cumming on piano, the symphony will preform Grieg's *Piano Concerto, a-minor, Op. 16*.

After intermission, Reading Symphony will play Beethoven's *Symphony #6, F-minor, Op. 68, "Sinfonia Pastorale"*.

Vazquez says of the Beethoven's piece, "For him, it's the closest he gets to writing 'popular' music, music that relates to the real world."

Cumming is on the faculty at Phillips Academy in Andover and is a member of the Boston-based Christiane Trio.

This season, after performing the Reading Symphony, Cumming will be recording a solo piano compact disc in August, and playing Mozart's *Concerto in E-flat, K.271*, with the Maine Chamber Ensemble in September.

Founded in 1933, the Reading Symphony Orchestra includes orchestra members from Reading, Stoneham, Lynnfield, North Reading, Andover, No. Andover, and other surrounding communities. The RSO will finish its 67th season with a Pops concert May 20. Tickets for the Reading Symphony performance are available at the door, \$10 general admission, \$5 students and seniors.

Neil Fater

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Organizers are seeking entries to the Photo 2000 Black and White Classic Juried Photography Show in Lowell.

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Andover High School Eighth-Grade Parents' Night, for 8th-grade students at Doherty and West middle schools; administrative staff will provide program overview information, followed by a question-and-answer period; parents will be able to discuss more specific curriculum issues with the program coordinators in each of the academic areas, 7:30 p.m., Collins Center, Shawsheen Road; 623-8600.

Early music for St. Patrick's Day, featuring guitarist Robbie O'Connell, 8 p.m., \$12, \$10 for seniors and Merrimack College employees, \$15 at door, \$5 for students, Rogers Center, Merrimack College; box office 837-5355, weekdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m., or 837-5159 to confirm information.

Comedy Palace, with Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., \$8, Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

FRIDAY, March 17

St. Patrick's Day Gala, sponsored by Andona Society, public invited to join members for evening of Celtic revelry, including cocktail hour at 7 p.m., followed by a light supper, putting green contests, silent auction, emerald necklace raffle, dancing with disc jockey, 7 p.m.-midnight, Indian Ridge Country Club; advance tickets (\$25 per person) suggested; Paula C. Conrad 686-1030.

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Sacred Drum and Dance Circle, sponsored by the Unitarian Congregation, 7:30 p.m. rhythm instruction, 8 p.m. Drum and Dance, bring a percussion instrument; a limited number are available for sharing, all levels of drumming welcome; free, 6 Locke St.; Susan Foster 470-1134.

Master storyteller Marcia Estabrook (pictured at left) playing the historical character Mother Goose, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; Susan Lenoe 475-0143.

Comedy Palace, featuring St. Patrick's Comedy Cruise to the Blarney Stone, 7 p.m., \$35-\$40; John Rizzo, Paul Gilligan, Jay Rodrigues, 9 p.m., \$12, see Thursday, March 16, entry.

Comedy Escape, with Steve Sweeney, Dave Rattigan and Harrison Stebbins, 9:30 p.m., \$12, China Blossom, Route 125/133, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

The Velveteen Rabbit, presented by the Peacock Players Children's Theatre, includes Andover 5th-grader Dean Lieberman, 7 p.m., \$5, American Stage Festival, 14 Court St., Nashua; (603) 886-7000.

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SATURDAY, March 18

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Jazz concert, by pianist Makoto Ozone and vibraphonist Gary Burton, 8 p.m., \$12, \$10 for seniors and Merrimack College employees, \$15 at door, \$5 for students, Rogers Center, Merrimack College; box office 837-5355, weekdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m., or 837-5159 to confirm information.



'Phone call— Pianist and vibraphonist duo at Rogers Center Saturday.

"Working with 19th Century Hand Tools" wood-working course at Andover Historical Society enables you to build your own wooden box drawer or other useful object or furniture piece, instructor is John Ross; course begins at 10 a.m. and runs for four consecutive Saturdays until April 8; \$70 for members and \$80 for non-members; in the Barn Museum at the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 475-2236.

Comedy Palace, featuring John Rizzo, Paul Gilligan, Jay Rodrigues, 8 and 10:30 p.m., \$12; The Erotic

Hypnotic Joey DeVito, 10:30 p.m., \$12, see Thursday, March 16, entry.

An Income of Her Own: Teen Entrepreneurship, sponsored by AAUW, for grades 8-12, 14 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square, preregistration required; DCS 623-8279.

Concert, sponsored by New Moon Coffeehouse, featuring Ellis Paul and opener Pamela Means, 8 p.m. (doors open 7:30 p.m.), \$13, Haverhill Unitarian Universalist Church, Haverhill; (978) 373-9259 or 372-5173.

5th annual New England Craft & Specialty Food Fair, includes live musical entertainment, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$4 adults, under 14 admitted free, Rockingham Park Race-track, Salem, N.H.; (603) 755-2166.

Appearance, kid's book character Madeline, 1:30 p.m., free, The Book Rack, 52 State St., Newburyport; (978) 462-8615.

Comedy Escape, see Friday, March 17, entry.

The Velveteen Rabbit, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., \$5, see Friday, March 17, entry.

SUNDAY, March 19

Reading Symphony Orchestra continues its 67th season with matinee performance, joined by pianist Duncan Cumming, the RSO will perform the music of Edvard Grieg and Ludwig Van Beethoven, 3:30 p.m., tickets at the door, \$10 general admission, \$5 students and seniors, Phillips Academy faculty, staff and students will be admitted free with ID; Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy, Main Street; 749-4433.

Gallery talk with Yve-Alain Bois and Robert Mangold, in conjunction with "Between Image and Object: The Prints of Robert Mangold," with Yve-Alain Bois, Joseph Pulitzer Jr. professor of modern art at Harvard University, and the artist Robert Mangold, 2 p.m., open to the public, free of charge; Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy campus; BJ Larson 749-4027.

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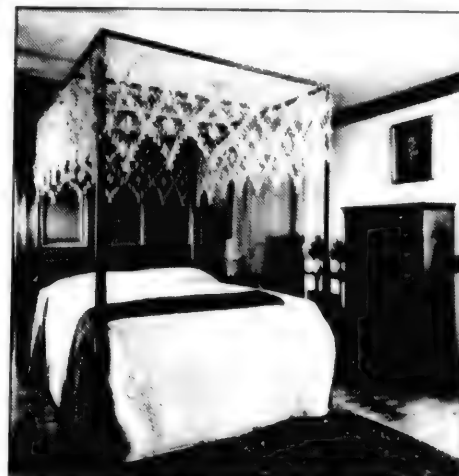
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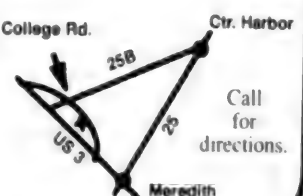
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Tuesday, March 21

Lecture, "Community Archaeology at Indiatown Island: New Shell Midden Research in Mid-Coast Maine," by Deborah Wilson, private archaeological consultant and research associate at Peabody Museum, co-sponsored by North-east Chapter of Mass. Archaeological Society, 7:30 p.m., Robert S. Peabody Museum, corner of Route 28 and Phillips Street, Phillips Academy campus; 749-4007.

Parent-education workshop "Raising Strong, Healthy Sons," second of two-part series, sponsored by Families First, 7-9 p.m., \$35, Faith Lutheran Church, 360 S. Main St.; (617) 868-7687.

Introduction to Siddha Yoga Meditation, Andover Siddha Yoga Meditation Center, free, 45 Whittier St., Andover; 475-0966.

Jazz, sponsored by Casa Vecchia Restaurant, featuring Chris Neville Trio, wheelchair accessible, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Route 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

Wednesday, March 22

Bus trip, "Women's History Trail and State House Tour of Boston," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., all ages, \$6, preregistration required; DCS, 623-8279.

Thursday, March 23

Poetry talk, "The Poetry of Nature and Spirit," featuring Andover poet Mary Chivers, discussion and questions welcome, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; 475-0143.



Cool Hand Ruth — Try your luck at 45s on March 23.

Comedy Palace, featuring Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., \$8, Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Hoop-a-thon, sponsored by Tewksbury Hospital and Huntington's Disease Society of America, organizations invited to shoot baskets and get sponsors, donate a prize or service, or make a direct donation to state HDSA chapter, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tewksbury Hospital, Saunders Building; (978) 851-7321 ext. 2209.

Night of 45s and Fun, sponsored by Ruth's House, an interdenominational, not-for-profit thrift store, fundraiser for 45s card players, five-game draw-for-partner tournament with \$200-per-team first-place prize and \$100-per-team second-place prize, seating limited to 120, \$10 donation, doors open at 6 p.m., starts at 7 p.m., Citizens Center, 10 Welcome St., Haverhill; Nancy Solomon, (978) 521-5575.

Friday, March 24

Concert, to benefit Lawrence Police Superior Officers' Association, BMG recording artist Anthony Roi and opening act Marco, 8 p.m., \$15 at door, Lawrence Knights of Columbus hall; (508) 553-8700.

Comedy Escape, featuring Marci Coyote Rose, Jon Fisch and Matt Jablow, 9:30 p.m., \$12, China Blossom, Route 125/133, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Comedy Palace, featuring Maria's Bachelorette Party, 7 p.m., \$20-\$33; Al Ducharme, Dave Russo, 9 p.m., \$12, see Thursday, March 23, entry.

Antiques & Collectibles Show, over 40 dealers, proceeds to benefit church and its outreach programs, \$5, Route 128/Interstate 95 to exit 39 or 40 then follow signs, First Parish Congregational Church, 1 Church St., Wakefield; (781) 245-1539.

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Saturday, March 25

Women's History Month portrayal, featuring Jessa Piaia as Susan B. Anthony, supported by Friends of the Library, for grades 4 and up, 2:30 p.m., Children's Room, Memorial Hall Library; space limited, free tickets available in Children's Room.

Cajun Fest, dinner and dancing, featuring music by Crawdad Wranglers, dinner 6 p.m., dancing lessons 7:30 p.m., dance concert 8 p.m., reservations needed by March 22, New Moon Coffeehouse in Unitarian Universalist Church, junction of Routes 125 and 110, Haverhill; Beth (978) 372-5173.

Comedy Palace, with Al Ducharme, Dave Russo, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., \$12; Erotic Hypnotic Joey Devito, 10:30 p.m., \$12; see Thursday, March 23, entry.

Antiques & Collectibles Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., see Friday, March 25 entry.

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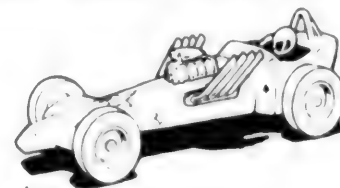
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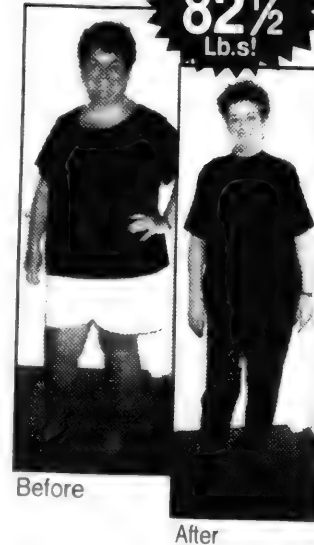


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Lecture, "Community Archaeology at Indiatown Island: New Shell Midden Research in Mid-Coast Maine," by Deborah Wilson, private archaeological consultant and research associate at Peabody Museum, co-sponsored by Northeast Chapter of Mass. Archaeological Society, 7:30 p.m., Robert S. Peabody Museum, corner of Route 28 and Phillips Street, Phillips Academy campus; 749-4007.

Parent-education workshop "Raising Strong, Healthy Sons," second of two-part series, sponsored by Families First, 7-9 p.m., \$35, Faith Lutheran Church, 360 S. Main St.; (617) 868-7687.

Introduction to Siddha Yoga Meditation, Andover Siddha Yoga Meditation Center, free, 45 Whittier St., Andover; 475-0966.

Jazz, sponsored by Casa Vecchia Restaurant, featuring Chris Neville Trio, wheelchair accessible, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Route 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

Wednesday, March 22

Bus trip, "Women's History Trail and State House Tour of Boston," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., all ages, \$6, preregistration required; DCS, 623-8279.

Thursday, March 23

Poetry talk, "The Poetry of Nature and Spirit," featuring Andover poet Mary Chivers, discussion and questions welcome, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; 475-0143.



Cool Hand Ruth — Try your luck at 45s on March 23.

Comedy Palace, featuring Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., \$8, Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Hoop-a-thon, sponsored by Tewksbury Hospital and Huntington's Disease Society of America, organizations invited to shoot baskets and get sponsors, donate a prize or service, or make a direct donation to state HDSA chapter, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tewksbury Hospital, Saunders Building; (978) 851-7321 ext. 2209.

Night of 45s and Fun, sponsored by Ruth's House, an interdenominational, not-for-profit thrift store, fundraiser for 45s card players, five-game draw-for-partner tournament with \$200-per-team first-place prize and \$100-per-team second-place prize, seating limited to 120, \$10 donation, doors open at 6 p.m., starts at 7 p.m., Citizens Center, 10 Welcome St., Haverhill; Nancy Solomon, (978) 521-5575.

Friday, March 24

Concert, to benefit Lawrence Police Superior Officers' Association, BMG recording artist Anthony Roi and opening act Marco, 8 p.m., \$15 at door, Lawrence Knights of Columbus hall; (508) 553-8700.

Comedy Escape, featuring Marci Coyote Rose, Jon Fisch and Matt Jablow, 9:30 p.m., \$12, China Blossom, Route 125/133, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

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Chanting and toning, second of three evenings exploring the creative power of voice with Molly Dawson and Ilse Schenk, 7:30-9:30 p.m., free, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover; Molly Dawson 698-3269 or UU office 475-4454.

Saturday, March 25

Women's History Month portrayal, featuring Jessa Piaia as Susan B. Anthony, supported by Friends of the Library, for grades 4 and up, 2:30 p.m., Children's Room, Memorial Hall Library; space limited, free tickets available in Children's Room.

Cajun Fest, dinner and dancing, featuring music by Crawdad Wranglers, dinner 6 p.m., dancing lessons 7:30 p.m., dance concert 8 p.m., reservations needed by March 22, New Moon Coffeehouse in Unitarian Universalist Church, junction of Routes 125 and 110, Haverhill; Beth (978) 372-5173.

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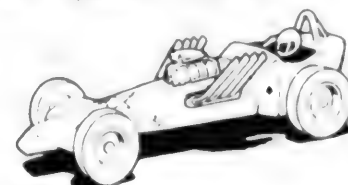
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OBITUARIES

Marie J. Cox

Avid baseball, hockey fan

Marie J. (Wefers) Cox, 96, died Sunday, March 12 at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Born in Lawrence, Mrs. Cox worked as a clerk in superior and district courts in Lawrence, Newburyport and Salem, N.H.

Mrs. Cox was a member of St. Michael Church in North Andover, the former St. Laurence Church and its mothers club in Lawrence, St. Claire Branch League of Catholic Women and the Holy Family Women's Auxiliary. She was an avid baseball and hockey fan.

The widow of Francis J. Cox, she leaves son Bernard F. and his wife Frances of North Andover; son-in-law Thomas Ippolito of North Andover; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was the mother of the late Barbara Ippolito.

Calling hours were Tuesday at Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home in North Andover. A funeral Mass was held Wednesday in St. Michael Church, followed by burial in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Lawrence.

Memorials may be made to St. Michael Church Building Fund, 196 Main St., North Andover, MA 01845.

Grace M. DeCiccio

Worked at Woolen, Wood and Everett mills, Cardinal Shoe Co.

Grace Mary DeCiccio, 83, formerly of Lawrence, died Sunday, March 12 at Wingate Nursing Home in Andover.

Born and educated in Lawrence, Miss DeCiccio worked at the Woolen, Wood and Everett mills in that city, and most recently at the Cardinal Shoe Co. for 24 years before retiring in 1978.

Miss DeCiccio was a member of Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality and the Holy Rosary Choir for more than 60 years.

She leaves her brother Robert DeCiccio of Methuen; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Calling hours were held Monday at Cataudella Funeral Home, in Methuen. A funeral Mass was held Wednesday in Holy Rosary Church, followed by burial in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Lawrence.

Dorothy J. DiNapoli

Salvation Army volunteer

Dorothy J. (Stewart) DiNapoli, 51, died Friday, March 10 at home.

Born in Brookline, Mrs. DeNapoli was a member of St. Augustine Church. She volunteered for the Salvation Army, and was a member of the Audubon Society and the Appalachian Mountain Club.

She leaves her husband Anthony DiNapoli; sisters Janet Montello of Billerica and Diane Todd of Watertown; brother Edwin Stewart of Westboro; mother and stepfather Dorothy and Alexander Pereshluha of Tewksbury; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were Monday at Burke Funeral Home. A funeral Mass was held Tuesday in St. Augustine Church, followed by burial in St. Augustine Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Augustine School, c/o St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover, MA 01810.

Edward Grossman

Formerly of Andover, WWII veteran

Edward Grossman, 77, formerly of Andover and Lynn, died yesterday at Salemhaven Nursing Home.

Born and educated in Boston, Mr. Grossman attended Northeastern University and worked as a self-employed sales representative. He was a member of Temple Emmanuel, the Knights of Pythias, the Shriners and the Masons in Wilmington, Mass.

Mr. Grossman served in the Army during World War II, attaining the rank of sergeant.

The widower of Ruth (Piltch) Grossman, he leaves daughters and their husbands Harriet and Peter P. Limbeck of Salem, Joyce and Brian H. Swedberg of Gardner, Mass., and Linda and Dennis B. Bebar of Haverhill, Mass.; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be private and at the convenience of the family with burial in Temple Emmanuel Cemetery, Lawrence, Mass. A memorial observance was held Monday at the home of Harriet and Peter Limbeck in Salem.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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Deaths Elsewhere

PEPPER - Eva (Witlin) Pepper, of Brookline, died Saturday, March 11.

Members of her family include daughter and son-in-law Sally and Neil Gordon of Andover.

SCHWARTZSTEIN - Blanche C. (Cohn) Schwartzstein, 85, of North Andover died Sunday, March 12 at Meadows Nursing Home.

Mrs. Schwartzstein was a member of Temple Emanuel in Andover.

Members of her family include daughter and son-in-law Rhoda and John Dwight of Andover.

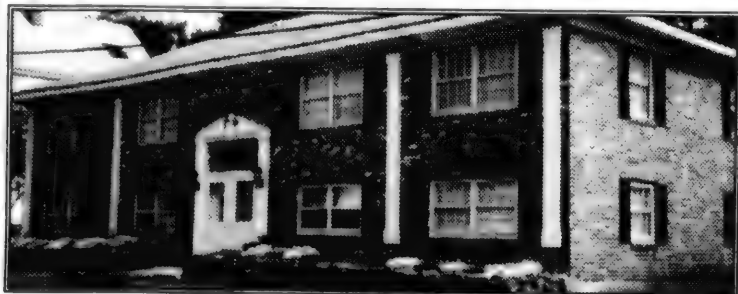
LABONTE - Zita A. LaBonte, 88, of North Andover, died Wednesday, March 8, at the Prescott House in North Andover.

Members of her family include brother Joseph L. Mielt of Andover.

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Carol Leavitt Founded Travel Anywhere

Carol (Parker) Leavitt, 84, of Andover, died Friday, March 10 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. She had been ill a long time with an incurable disease.

Mrs. Leavitt was born in Concord, N.H., in 1915, where her father Edward Melville Parker was Bishop of New Hampshire. She went to St. Mary's Episcopal School there, and then went to Wellesley College, where she majored in History, was president of the chorus, and graduated summa cum laude.

In Andover, she was past president of the League of Women Voters, and served as a Friend of the public library. Also, with her great friend Nancy Adriance, she was the first female member of the Phillips Academy community to found a commercial business, known as Travel Anywhere.

As a great lover of classical music, she sang in the Andover Choral Society for many years. In Boston her love of great music led her to serve on two committees for the Boston Symphony Orchestra; as a member of The Board of Overseers, and The Annual Fund Committee.

She leaves her husband of 62 years, Hart Leavitt, an English instructor at Phillips Academy for 38 years, her son and daughter-in-law Edward Leavitt and Lynn Margileth of New York; daughter and son-in-law Sara and John Blackburn of Newport News, Va., and daughter Dr. Judith Parker Leavitt of Wayland. Her grandchildren are Lyn Michelle Blackburn of Akron, Ohio; John Michael Blackburn of Newport News, Va. and Jessica Leavitt-Smith of Wayland, Mass. She had one great grandchild Corey Michael Blackburn of Newport News.

Private funeral services will be held this week, with arrangements by Cataudella Funeral Home of Methuen. A public memorial service will be held at the Phillips Academy Chapel in a few weeks.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Hall, Boston, MA 02110.

Mary Frances Middleton Long-time Andover resident

Mary Frances (Melia) Middleton, 66, died Monday, March 13, at her home.

Born in Lawrence, she was a graduate of St. Mary's High School and the Lawrence General Hospital School of Nursing. She was also a graduate of the Massachusetts Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Anesthetist in Boston.

Until her retirement in 1998, she was a member of the Anesthesia Department at the Holy Family Hospital in Methuen; a member of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists and the Massachusetts Anesthetist Association, the Lawrence General Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association; and the Holy Family Women Auxiliary in Methuen.

She was a member of St. Augustine Church in Andover and the Andover Democratic Town Committee.

She is survived by her husband of 37 years Thomas P. Middleton; her mother Kathleen (Shannon) Melia of North Andover; daughter and son-in-law Susan K. and David McCready of Tewksbury; Sons Thomas A. Middleton and his fiancé Gayle Saks of Boston, and Laurence E. Middleton of North Andover; sisters Margaret M. Kleven of Middleton and Kathleen E. Melia of North Andover; brothers and sisters-in-law Dr. Martin J. and Frances Melia, M.D. of Andover, Edward G. and Jayne Melia of Redondo Beach, Calif., Lawrence P. and Jane Melia of North Andover, and Robert and Doris Mason; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church in Andover. Burial will follow in St. Augustine Cemetery in Andover.

Calling hours will be held today, Thursday, March 16 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home Inc., 35 Merrimack St., North Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gillette Cancer Center, in care of Dr. Michael Seiden, M.D., 100 Blossom St., Boston, Mass., or to the Holy Family Hospital Women Auxiliary, 70 East St., Methuen, MA 01844.

Jeannie Pittari Mother of Janet L. Shea

Jennie (Marchetti) Pittari, 91, of Waltham, died Monday, March 13 at Andover Manor in Andover.

Born and raised in Waltham, she was a resident of Waltham for 80 years. She was a member of the Waltham Golden Age Club.

She was the daughter of the late Antonio and Nicolina (Cappadona) Marchetti, mother of the late Janet L. Shea, and sister of the late Tina Taranto.

She is survived by her daughter Rosalie Kelleher and her husband William of Andover, and her son-in-law Philip Shea of Andover. Grandchildren are David Kelleher, Lisa Kelleher, Deborah Shea and Jeffrey Shea.

Services will be held from the Brasco and Sons Memorial, 773 Moody St., Waltham, on Friday, March 17, at 9 a.m., with a Mass of Christian Burial at Sacred Heart Church, 311 River St., Waltham at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

Visiting hours will be held in the funeral home today, Thursday, March 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Janet L. Shea St. John's Prep School Librarian

Janet L. (Pittari) Shea, 55, died Wednesday, March 8 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Mrs. Shea was a librarian at St. John's Prep School.

Born in Waltham, she graduated from Regis College in 1966 and received a master's degree from Simmons College. She was a member of St. Robert Bellarmine Church.

She leaves husband Philip Shea; daughter Deborah A. of Portland, Ore.; son Jeffrey S., and mother Jennie Pittari, both of Andover; sister Rosalie Kelleher of Bedford; one niece; and one nephew.

A funeral Mass was held Monday at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, in Andover. Burial was held in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Multiple Myeloma Foundation, 2129 Stanley Hills Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90046.

OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice. Questions? Call Jack Grady or Taylor Armerding at 475-1943.

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Business

Business briefs ...

Dollars for Scholars/Historical Society present auction

Andover's Dollars for Scholars, along with the Andover Historical Society, have joined together to bring to Andover its first annual indoor antique show 2000.

"THE" first Antique Show 2000 will be held Sunday, March 26, at the Andover Rolling Green, Ramada Hotel, off Route 93, exit 43 to Route 133 (Lowell Street).

Featured at this year's show will be 18th-, 19th- and 20th-century antiques including estate jewelry, porcelains and oriental carpets. Professional dealers from all over New England and as far as Texas and Ohio have signed up in advance.

Starting at 2 p.m., appraisals for a fee will be provided by the following antique dealer and appraisers: **P.J. Bonfils** of the Boston Graphics Arts Society; **Michael Bider** of Bider's Antiques; **Ron Wackn-wski**; **Phyllis Hilton** and **Jan Bouleau**, and others. General admission is \$5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. An early buying preview will be available to all from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. for a \$25 admission fee.

There will also be free parking, several raffles throughout the day and a food court will be on the premises so you can stay for the day.

For further information, contact **Cynthia Milne**, Andover Bank, 749-2311, president of Andover Dollars for Scholars; or **Deb Dubay** at the Andover Historical Society, 470-8773.

Vicor announces fourth-quarter results

Vicor Corp., of Andover, announced its financial results for the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1999. Revenues for the quarter increased 33 percent, to \$53,742,000 compared with \$40,406,000 for the corresponding period a year ago. Net income and earnings per share (diluted) for the quarter were \$5,697,000 vs. \$3,223,000 in 1998 and 13 cents vs. 8 cents in 1998, respectively.

For the year ended December 31, 1999 revenues increased 15 percent to \$189,887,000 vs. \$164,634,000 for the same period of 1998. Net income and earnings per share (diluted) were \$19,088,000 vs. \$15,835,000 in 1998 and 45 cents vs. 37 cents in 1998, respectively.

In the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1999, the company expensed approximately \$900,000 to its sales and administrative expenses in connection with the exercise of stock options by the company's employees. In September 1999, an announcement by the staff of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) required that, upon the exercise of non-qualified stock options all matching

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The shoe business fits them both

If turning your passion — OK, even your addiction — into your career is a dream come true, then **Michael and Allyson Ciccio** must feel like they've been in a very sweet slumber for the past 18 months.

That is about how long it's been since the couple moved from Boston to Andover and started their own high-end European shoe company, **Cordani Footwear**.

It is a marriage of not only husband and wife, but of skills, experience and interests as well.

"My wife is a shoe-aholic," says **Michael Ciccio**, "and she could never find what she wanted here (in the U.S.) so when we would go to Italy, she'd come back with 24 pairs of shoes."

Michael, who spent some of his growing up years in Italy, speaks fluent Italian, has dual citizenship with that country and had numerous business contacts there from his previous job doing international marketing with **Matrix Essentials**, a hair-care product firm based in Cleveland.

Both have MBAs, and **Michael** also took art and design courses at the **Rhode Island School of Design**.

So **Allyson** comes up with the concepts, **Michael** designs them, and they are now importing shoes by the thousands to their business headquarters and warehouse in **Wakefield**, and distributing them to more than 150 boutiques and other retailers across the country.

"We had both worked for the same company (**Matrix**), in fact that's where we met," says **Michael**, who is originally from **North Reading**.

"When we got married, we decided we wanted to do something that combined my Italy background with our business experience. And we wanted to move to a suburban town like **Andover**. So we bought an old house and have been renovating it for the past year and a half."

This past week, **Allyson** was taking a bit of time off from the business, since delivering the couple's second son.

That was the major celebration of the week. But according to her husband, they were also celebrating the growth of a company that could quadruple in revenue this year. In 1999, they generated \$500,000 in sales, and this year they are projecting \$1.5 million to \$2 million.

"And we're already ahead of projections," **Michael** says.

A third cause for celebration is that their line of shoes will soon be available in **Andover**, at **General Goods**, the clothing and household supply store moving into the space on **Main Street** recently vacated by **Cit-**

rus.

"Our friends have been asking us when our shoes would be available in town," **Ciccio** says, "and now they will be."

The couple had looked at various products they thought were unique in Italy, including food and clothes, but settled on women's shoes.

"because I had more contacts in the leather industry and the business we had both been in catered to women."

Besides that, **Ciccio** says the fact that **New England** was once practically the shoe capital of the world made it possible for him to

get some good advice from people in the area who had been in that business.

Cordani shoes are not cheap — they range from \$100 to \$160, with the bulk of the prices in the \$135 range. But **Ciccio** says that is at the lower end of the high-end shoe market, and provides something fashionable that will last.

There is no way to compete with the Asian market on price for mass-produced shoes, he says, "but (with Italian shoes) there is no comparison in quality. Our market is not large, but there is definitely a niche for it."

"My wife was sick of buying shoes that fell apart," he says, "and we think a lot of people feel that way. So these are hand-sewn. The quality is very high."

That, he says, is what he expects will appeal to young women, even in somewhat traditional **New England**.

"**New England** may not be as fashion forward as **New York** or **California**," he adds, "but I think the stereotype of this area as stodgy is wrong. I think there are a lot of young people



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Best feet forward — Allyson and Michael Ciccio, husband and wife and business partners as well, will have their shoe line in the General Goods store, opening soon on Main Street.

who want something stylish but that's not too far out — that they can wear to work or pushing a baby carriage down the street.

Ciccio says he and his wife are excited about the growth of their company, but don't want to get too big too fast.

"We have to be careful about how we grow," he says, "because we don't want to be everywhere. We want to keep it somewhat exclusive."

Indeed, simply keeping current with what they have now keeps them busy enough. **Ciccio** says they design for two seasons, spring and fall, and that he designs about 85 different styles for each season.

Only about 20 of those actually make it to market, he says, "but you have to have a lot of options out there."

And that in itself can be tricky. "A foot is a foot," he says, "so there's not that much you can do. But my wife has a really good instinct about what women want to wear, and then I can design it."

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Professional Profile



Jonathan K. Gordon, M.D.

Dr. Jonathan Gordon is vascular surgeon who recently joined the Vascular Associates of the Merrimack Valley, working with Drs. Nicholas Sannella and Paul Burke, Jr. The group has been providing vascular services for a quarter of a century and maintains offices in North Andover, Lowell, and Chelmsford.

Dr. Gordon performs surgery for leg pain, stroke prevention, complications from diabetes, and varicose veins, as well as surgery for patients requiring dialysis.

He attended New York Medical College and continued with his gen-

eral surgery residency at Boston University School of Medicine and completed a vascular fellowship at the Boston Veteran's Administration Medical Center. Before joining the Vascular Associates, Dr. Gordon was in practice at the Boston Veteran's Administration Medical Center and as an Assistant Professor of Surgery at Boston University. Dr. Gordon has participated in many clinical research projects and has presented data on carotid surgery and the complications of renal failure and diabetes at national and international meetings. Dr. Gordon has been involved with residency training for the past 5

years and has been presented multiple teaching awards. He was also given an award by his peers for his outstanding contribution to patient care at the Boston VA Medical Center. He is affiliated with the Lawrence General, Holy Family, and Lowell General Hospital, and Saints Memorial Medical Center.

Dr. Gordon's wife is a general surgeon specializing in vascular surgery and has her office at 100 Amesbury St., Lawrence.

Dr. Jonathan Gordon's office is located at 198 Massachusetts Ave., N. Andover. Tel (978) 687-0600.

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Ironstone offered matching \$100k grant

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Ironstone Farm, a 20-acre farm

in Andover, has been the home of the Challenge Unlimited therapeutic horseback-riding program since its incorporation in 1983. The concept began as a community service in the form of field trips to the farm and Saturday morning activities for children with disabilities. Today, Challenge Unlimited serves more than 400 individuals each week from 82 cities and towns, with a professional staff of 28 instructors and therapists, helped by a volunteer corps of more than 200.

The year 2000 marks the 40th anniversary of the establishment of Ironstone Farm as a breeding and training facility for Thoroughbred horses. As farmland and open space throughout New England give way to development, owner **Richard Donovan** continues to maintain Ironstone's 20 acres and 35 horses for the benefit of this non-profit program, as he has since the 1970s.

Today, he is enabling Challenge Unlimited to acquire the property at considerably below appraised market value, with a goal of securing the future of the farm and programs forever. Unless this is accomplished, Ironstone Farm and its programs will not survive beyond the lifetime of Donovan.

Challenge Unlimited's mission is to help all participants achieve their greatest potential for independence. Now it seeks to achieve independence, to preserve the future of the operation.

To reach this goal, Challenge Unlimited's board of directors launched a capital campaign in December 1999, and in two months raised nearly \$200,000 — almost one-third of

the amount needed to initiate the acquisition process. To support the effort, an anonymous donor has offered a pledge of \$100,000, with the stipulation that the gift be matched by March 30. A "Matching Gift Account" has been set up with Tucker Anthony, Boston, the investment firm that manages the Challenge Unlimited Foundation account.

For more information about Challenge Unlimited, Ironstone Therapy and/or Ironstone Farm, visit its Web site, challengeunlimited.org, e-mail Ironstone@worldnet.att.net, or call Ironstone Farm at 978-475-4056 or toll free at 877-632-8386.

Airman Johnson graduates

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Sports

AHS Roundup: Hoopsters nipped 55-53 in semi-finals

By Rick Harrison

It takes time to get a tough tournament loss out of your system.

It's been a week since the Andover High girls basketball team was eliminated from the Division 1 North Tournament, while the boys' magical mystery tour of a season ended five days ago.

It's likely many of the AHS players and coaches are still hurting emotionally, especially when both teams felt they had a more

than legitimate shot at a state title this year.

Losses don't come much tougher than the two suffered locally.

The girls were beaten 74-68 in double overtime by peaking Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 rival Methuen in the North semifinals.

The boys dropped an equally-agonizing 55-53 decision to top seed Cambridge Rindge & Latin in the title game as a potential tying shot hit the back rim of the bas-

ket and bounced out at the final buzzer.

This was the first Andover boys team in two decades to reach the Division 1 North final.

The last one, headed by Carmen Scarpa, Ted Kelley, Kip Jones and Mike White, also ran into a Cambridge Rindge & Latin team that featured a 7-foot kid named Patrick Ewing and a coach named Mike Jarvis.

Ewing, of course, has since put together an outstanding NBA career with the New York Knicks and Jarvis has gone on to col-

legiate coaching fame at George Washington and recently-crowned Big East champ St. John's.

Andover gave Ewing & Co. all it could handle on that day, leading for most of the game before CR&L rallied for a 59-52 victory before an SRO crowd at the Reading High Fieldhouse.

The two 1999-2000 Andover teams, both MVC champions, combined for a 39-7 overall record this winter with the boys finishing 20-4 and the girls 19-3.

Both AHS coaches, Dave Fazio for the

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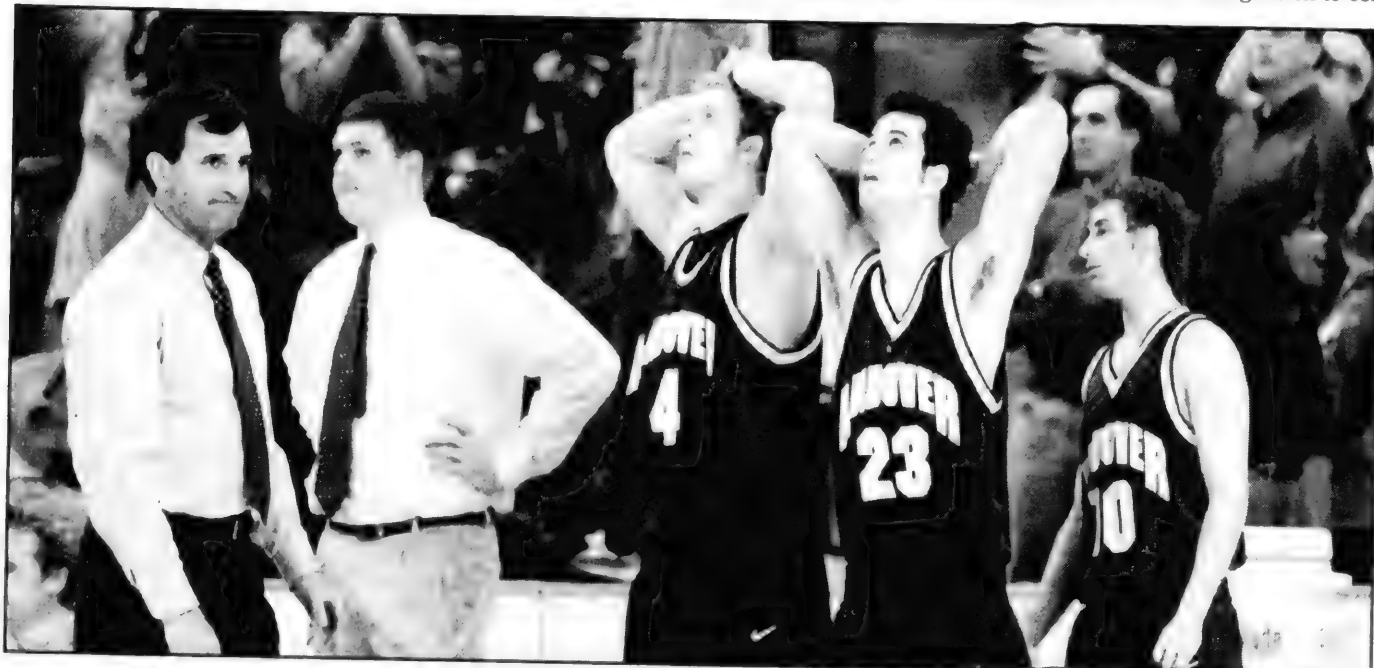


Photo by Tim Jean

They can't believe it — Andover assistant coaches Bob Hatem and Chris Downer, along with players Pat Murnane, Danny Hughes and Geordie Miliotas confront the harsh reality of a last-second loss to Cambridge Rindge and Latin, and the end of a dream season.

Meet brings mixed memories for Hass and Elsmore

By Rick Harrison

Andover High sophomore girls gymnastics stars Becky Hass and Kristen Elsmore are not likely to forget this year's season-ending Massachusetts State Coaches Association All-State Individual Championship Meet at M.I.T. in Cambridge.

For Hass the memories will be decidedly pleasant while Elsmore is apt to shudder whenever she thinks about it.

Hass, who entered the all-around competition as the 10th seed, finished third in a field of 20 gymnasts as she chalked up a sizzling 35.90 score.

Teammate Elsmore, seeded No. 5 entering the meet with a 35.9375 average, suffered injuries to both knees when she landed straight-legged on her opening vault.

Since the vault was her first event, Elsmore was unable to continue and left the meet early to nurse her sore legs.

Hass, who entered with a 35.175 all-around average, scored a season-best 9.25 on balance beam and a 9.25 in floor exercise to highlight her performance.

She also posted an 8.85 on the uneven bars and an 8.55 in the vault.

The top 10 all-around finishers received trophies.

"It was a very good night for Becky," said AHS coach Julie Chapman. "She really performed well in every event."

The only girls placing ahead of her

were state champ Vanessa James of Malden High, with a 36.50, and Emily Rinaldo of Beverly with a 36.10.

Elsmore's vault was the first of the night for any of the 82 competitors (62 were not all-arounds).

"She was doing her 'Jacie Phelps' vault, which is worth 9.9 points if done perfectly," said Chapman. "It's an unbelievable vault. It's not something you do in regular high school competition, but Kristen does it all the time with her club team (Yellow Jackets)."

"She had done it beautifully several times in practice, but for whatever reason she did not bend her knees and landed with both legs completely straight. It was a fluke."

Elsmore, who was actually judged on the vault and received an 8.9, fell to the mat and grabbed both knees in obvious pain.

"The on-site trainer checked her out and at first didn't think anything serious was wrong because there was no swelling or discoloration," said Chapman.

"I told Kristen she was finished for the night. She was physically uncomfortable when she left for home with her mother."

This past Monday night at the team banquet, according to the Chapman, Elsmore was still experiencing some stiffness and soreness although she has seen the doctor and her therapy has begun.

"Becky was scheduled to vault right after Kristen," said Chapman. "When that happened it kind of shook everyone up for awhile."

AHS freshman Sheri Bernstein also qualified for the meet on the uneven bars, where she carried an 8.6375 average during the regular season.

She bettered that slightly with an 8.65 score that earned her a medal and sixth place among the 62 non-all around competitors.

Both Becky Hass and Kristen Elsmore have been selected to the Boston Globe All-Scholastic team.

Chapman is also the newspaper's Massachusetts Coach of the Year after guiding the Lady Warriors to the Merrimack Valley Conference, North Sectional and All-State championships this season.

The AHS team banquet, put together by the parents, was held this past Monday night at Andover Country Club.

Becky Hass was named the state champs' Most Valuable Gymnast, while junior Renee Fung earned the Rookie Award and freshman Heather Barry took home the Team Spirit Award.

Elected team captains for the 2000-2001 season were Maureen Lothrop (for the second year), Katie McKain and Kaitlin Doyle.

You can still be a part of the Aumais memorial project

Here's what to do if you want to be a part of the dedication project to name the Andover High varsity baseball field after former player and 1976 team captain Peter Aumais:

A bank account has been set up to fund the project and checks, made out to the "Peter T. Aumais Baseball Memorial Fund" should be mailed to Daniel Hayes, c/o Morris, Rossi & Hayes, 32 Chestnut St., Andover, MA 01810.

Anyone with questions, or wanting further information, may call Glenn Verrette at 617-314-2815 (days) or 475-0664 (evenings).

The dedication is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26 before the Golden Warriors' Merrimack Valley Conference game with Dracut.

Construction of the horseshoe-shaped memorial and the plaque it will bear was scheduled to begin this week.

Pedro and Ramon bump AHS girls gym team; tune in again tomorrow

By Rick Harrison

If you turned on the Channel 5 sportscast at 6 p.m. last Friday evening to see the state champion Andover High girls gymnastics team featured on the "High 5" segment — you were disappointed.

The segment did not air as advertised here.

Channel 5 made a late decision last Thursday, after *Townsmen* presstime, to move the segment back to this week so it could concentrate on Boston Red Sox pitchers Pedro and Ramon Martinez and the Sox' weekend games against the Houston Astros in the Dominican Republic.

"They called Thursday to tell us we'd been bumped by the Martinez brothers," said AHS gymnastics coach Julie Chapman. "They said they wanted to give our team the time it deserves so they were switching the segment this week."

Barring any other unforeseen happenings, the Andover girls will be on tomorrow evening (Friday) for several minutes during the sports portion of the news between 6:15 and 6:20 p.m.

Sportscaster Mike Lynch interviewed team Capts. Krit Kearins and Maureen Lothrop, along with all-around standouts Becky Hass and Kristen Elsmore and coach Chapman.

The four girls will also introduce the sports segment.

AHS Roundup: Boys basketball nipped at buzzer; Methuen does in girls

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boys and Jim Tildsley for the girls, thought they would be playing in the state semifinals earlier this week at the FleetCenter and preparing for this Saturday's State championship games at the Worcester Centrum.

But, in reflecting back on outstanding seasons that may have ended prematurely, both men will most remember the heart and pride shown by their athletes.

When you're this good it's also about squeezing every last ounce of effort from the players. Neither Fazio nor Tildsley felt they were cheated.

The legend of Tom McLaughlin keeps growing.

Following another memorable performance against Cambridge, McLaughlin finished the season with 650 points in 24 games

the first player in AHS hoop history to reach the 600-point mark in a single season. He will enter his senior year with 1,564 for his career.

Brad Stubenhaus had 329 points this season and graduates with 433 for his career, while two-sport star Paul Bellacqua netted 188 this season and 247 for his career. Dave Cordima had 145 this year and 224 over three years.

On the girls side, freshman Jenny Muller has a good headstart on 1,000 career points after leading the Lady Warriors this season with 311. Should she reach the milestone she will join older sister Charlotte who is the all-time career girls point leader at Andover (sister Sarah also came close).

Lindsey Pearson followed with 267 this season and will graduate with 689 points over four years.

Lisa Tisbert had 134 points despite missing a third of the season with mononucleosis, and she has 388 for her career.

Michelle Danis had 132 this season and finished her career with 284. Shannon Sweeney had 142 points this year and has 280 for her career, and Megan Pinksten 152 this season and 261 career.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Following the last-second 55-53 loss to Cambridge Rindge & Latin, coach Fazio did a good job of keeping his emotions in check.

After walking off the Tsongas Arena court with junior forward Mike Byrne's right arm around his shoulder, Fazio spent about 10 minutes in the locker room with his team before emerging.

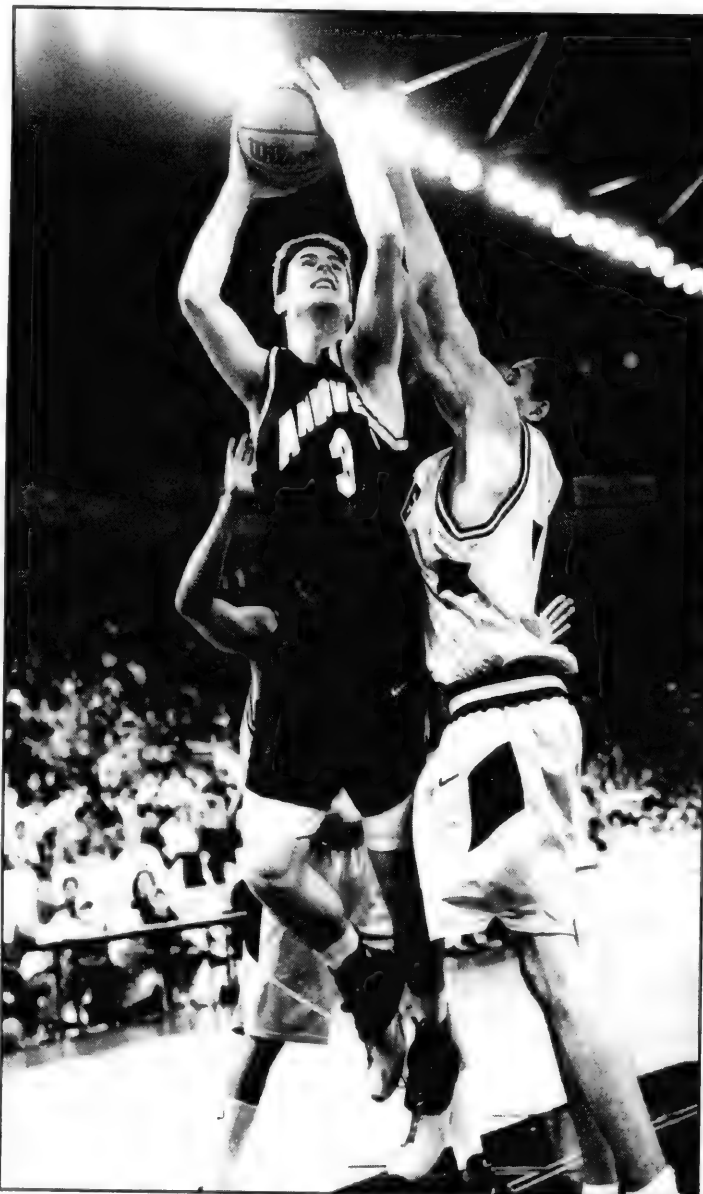
"My first thought after this game is that I've had the ride of my life with these kids this season," said Fazio. "They are truly warriors. They fought to win every night they took the court."

"Even now — after 20 wins — there are probably people who still think we're not a good team. And they're wrong. This is a helluva group that spilt every last drop of sweat and tears for their teammates and their school."

"I hate to see the ride end," continued Fazio. "It's a shame it's over. We all still believe we should have been playing in the Fleet on Tuesday."

Although Tom McLaughlin and sixth-man extraordinaire Kevin Shepard return next year, Andover will graduate seniors Paul Bellacqua, Brad Stubenhaus, Pat Murnane, Dave Cordima and Adam Silevitch.

"We're losing the heart and soul of the team with those five seniors," said Fazio. "There's no doubt this team was theirs. They truly believed we could beat anyone. They're classy kids and winners in every sense of the word."



Up, and good — Junior superstar Tom McLaughlin goes up for two of his game-high 27 points. McLaughlin finishes the season with 650 points in 24 games — a school record for a single season.

**North Championship Game
Cambridge R&L 55
Andover 53**

The top-seeded Falcons' exceptional quickness, leaping ability and athleticism had the Golden Warriors playing tentative at the outset.

Rushing some shots, and having others adjusted, Andover missed its first 11 field goal attempts and didn't score its first points until Dave Cordima swished a pair of free throws 6:33 into the game.

Still, the locals trailed only 7-2 at that juncture as CR&L, for all its fancy moves and sky-walking, had trouble shooting both outside and inside.

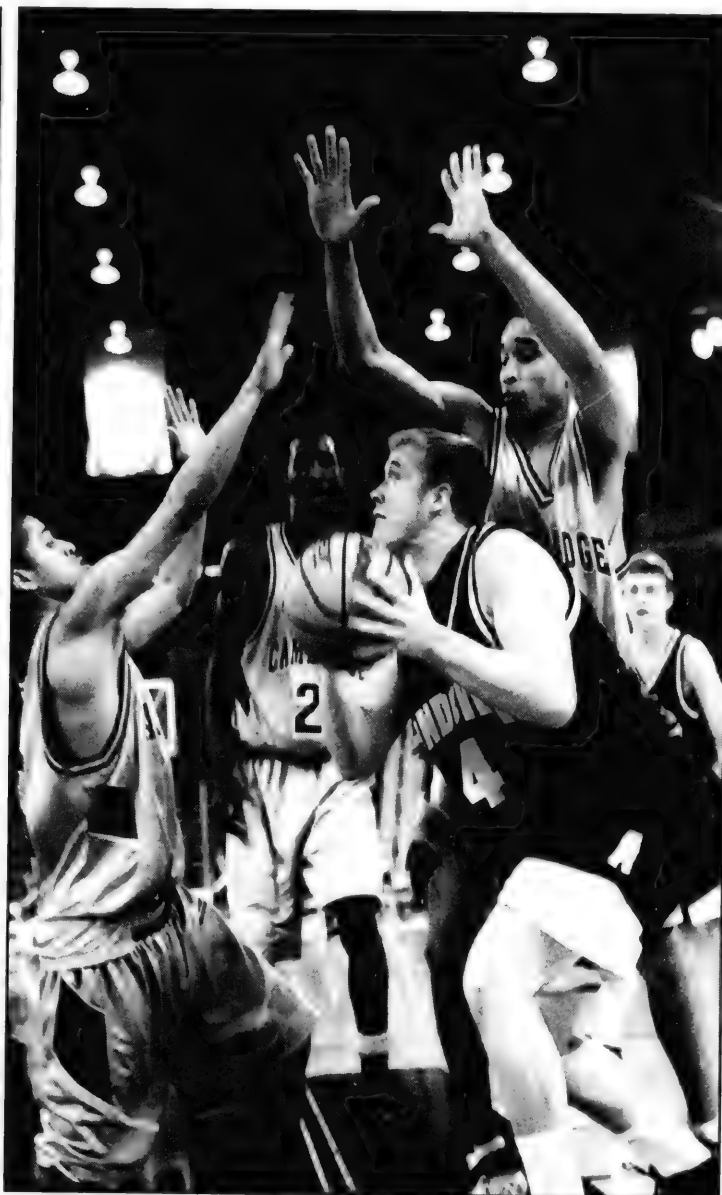
"Our kids may have been intimidated at first. Not on the defensive end. Never on the defensive end. But on offense our shot selection wasn't what it should have been in the first few minutes," said Fazio.

The game eventually settled into a struggle between a talented smart team and a talented-but-undisciplined team.

"We did a great job of getting back on defense and not allowing them to fast break or get many transition points," said Fazio. "We did a good job of keeping them out of the paint. We wanted to hold our own rebounding and we did that, too."

"We played Andover basketball. And we made Cambridge play Andover basketball. We controlled the tempo."

The Golden Warriors never quite caught up in the first half, after falling behind 7-0, but they did trail only 22-18 at the break as McLaughlin (two trifectas) and Cordima scored eight points each.



Photos by Tim Jean

Surrounded — Pat Murnane has three Cambridge defenders in his face as he looks to score from inside the paint.

"By holding them to 22 points in the first half we had Cambridge right where we wanted them," said Fazio. "We felt we could win if we kept them to 50 points or less. That's our goal every game. We gave up five too many. If we held them to 50 we'd have won."

McLaughlin scored 19 of his game-high 27 points in the second half, as the teams battled to the wire.

"I've seen so many great second halves by McLaughlin," said Fazio. "This was another one and it came in a real pressure cooker."

A Cordima jumper from the key tied it 30-30 at the 6:30 mark, and after falling behind 40-33 the Golden Warriors went on an 8-0 run to take a 41-40 lead.

McLaughlin scored a lay-up off a Bellacqua pass, nailed a three-pointer and hit a leaner before Cordima converted the go-ahead free throw.

A 12-2 Cambridge burst built the lead to 52-43 with 2:37 to play, but Andover responded with a 10-0 run which was mostly McLaughlin.

Big Mac Attack hit a traditional three-point play, a lay-up and a three-pointer from behind the arc with 23.8 seconds left to trim the AHS deficit to 52-51.

Six seconds later the Falcons' George Rodriguez was fouled and he missed the shot. McLaughlin skied to pull down the rebound, and with 7.3 seconds left the ball ended up in Shepard's hands for a soft 10-foot splash to give Andover a 53-52 lead.

Cambridge called a timeout to set up a play, and Fazio had a problem communicating with his players in the huddle because they were so adrenalin-pumped after taking the lead.

"They're so emotionally wired and you

only have a few seconds to outline what you're going to do," said Fazio. "We figured they would try to get (point-guard Louis) Ford the ball. But what do we do? Play off him or in his shirt?"

CR&L in-bounded at halfcourt and Ford surprised the defense by cutting into the frontcourt for the pass instead of retreating to the backcourt.

He caught the ball in full stride and raced down the lane to bank in a lay-up as he was fouled with 3.2 seconds left.

The Golden Warriors' elation turned to deflation as Lewis made the free throw for a 55-53 lead.

Andover called a timeout to diagram a final play in an attempt to force overtime or win the game.

It was supposed to be a long three-quarter court pass to Pat Murnane at the top of the key. He would then dish off to either of the long-range shooters, McLaughlin or Stubenhaus, for hopefully an open jumper.

Andover wanted to substitute Cordima into the game, but that move was lost in the confusion and he never was waved in from the scorer's table for the final play.

"It's all a blur," said Fazio. "It was a 'home run' pass-and-shoot play and the refs messed up by not letting Cordima into the game."

The long toss from the opposite baseline was deflected slightly as two Cambridge defenders converged on Murnane. The rugged AHS forward came down with the ball, but the split-second delay forced Murnane to turn quickly and fire up a hurried shot from the top of the key.

The ball hit the back of the iron — and

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AHS Roundup: Girls loss to Methuen a 'bitter pill to swallow'

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bounced out — as the final buzzer sounded and the Cambridge players and fans erupted in celebration.

"Woulda ... coulda ... shoulda," said Fazio. "Bottom line is we tried hard but didn't get it done. End of story."

McLaughlin had another monster game with 27 points, 14 rebounds, five assists and four blocked shots.

Cordima also hit double figures with 11 points, and he added six rebounds and four steals.

Stubenhaus had six points and Bellacqua five assists, five steals, four points while matched up with super-quick Louis Ford.

Murnane finished with three points and five boards, while Kevin Shepard had the clutch bucket at the end to go with five rebounds, four assists and four steals.

Ford, who netted 3-of-5 trifectas from the top of the key, finished with 20 points. Tyrell Dortch added 12 and Derrick Harris 11 for Cambridge.

The loss snapped a nine-game win streak for Andover, whose last state title in boys hoop came in 1970 when a team led by Dick Muller, Dave Hixon and Shawn Mason won the Class B crown.

This is the second time in Fazio's AHS career that the Golden Warriors have won 20. Andover finished 20-3 in 1992-'93 when Salem and Scoonie Penn knocked the locals out in the North semifinals, 64-54.

This was Andover's first loss to a non-MVC team this season (7-1).

Fazio's overall won-lost record after 11 years at AHS is 174-73.

Cambridge has been an Andover nemesis in the tournament. After beating Methuen 62-37 in the first round of the 1994-'95 tourney, Andover was ousted by Cambridge R&L 67-64.

CR&L also eliminated Andover 64-44 in the first round of the 1995-'96 tourney, and 60-54 in the first round the following year.

Last March Andover beat Cambridge 60-55 in the North quarters before losing to Haverhill, 71-61, in the semifinals.

Fazio's Sean Ryan-led 1991-'92 team beat Cambridge, 52-50, in the third round before bowing out to Lexington, 69-55.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Methuen got hot at just the wrong time for Andover, preventing a happy ending to an otherwise storybook season for the Lady Warriors with the pulsating 74-68 double-overtime conquest of the locals in the North semifinals.

The 1999 State Division 1 champions then knocked off North top seed Somerville, 66-65 in single overtime, in an equally improbable North title game that preceded the Andover boys' dramatic loss to Cambridge Rindge & Latin.

Losing to archrival Methuen, whom they had beaten handily in two regular season games, was an especially bitter pill for the AHS girls to swallow.

But the Lady Warriors shouldn't fall off much — if at all — next season despite the loss of senior captains and strong leaders Lindsey Pearson and Michelle Danis.

The impressive list of talented returnees includes starters Jenny Muller, Lisa Tisbert and Shannon Sweeney, along with Megan Pinksten, Katie Kramer and Kristen Swoboda who all played a lot of quality minutes and spot started this winter.

Another McLaughlin is on the way and reportedly Ashley, an eighth grader now, could challenge for a starting position as a freshman next year.

Other varsity players eligible to return are Karen Whelan, Shawna Foley, Stephanie Fish, Samantha Hughes and Kelly McLaughlin.

Lowell and Central Catholic are also young teams, while Methuen loses Conference MVP Jillian Middlemiss but only has four seniors on its roster.

All of which should make for an interesting MVC Division 1 race next winter.

Head Coach Jim Tildsley now has a five-year record of 97-17 at Andover.

North Semifinal Methuen 74

Andover 68 (2ot)

Methuen led by nine at the half, 28-19, and by as many as 14 after the break — but the locals fought back to tie it 52-52 at the end of regulation and 60-60 after the first overtime in the battle of MVC titans on the neutral Central Catholic High court.

Freshman point-guard Jenny Muller, displaying the poise of a senior, swished two free throws with 17 seconds left in regulation to put Andover ahead, 52-50. But Middlemiss countered with a pair of foul shot five seconds later.

Andover had several chances to win the game on its next possession, but the locals missed connections on three shots.

With Methuen ahead 60-58 late in the first overtime, Megan Pinksten took a feed from Muller and laid the ball in at the buzzer to force the second extra period.

A pivotal juncture in the second overtime occurred with just under two minutes remaining and the Rangers clinging to a two-point lead.

Junior Amy Johnson was fouled while putting up a rebound, and an AHS player was hit with a technical for arguing the call too vociferously.

Johnson hit her two free throws, Middlemiss converted the T-shots and the Lady Warriors never recovered.

Muller led all scorers with 26 points, including 13-of-16 at the free throw line, while sophomore center Megan Pinksten had the best game of her high school career with 21 points and a dozen rebounds.

Lindsey Pearson was the third AHS player in doubles with 11 points, while Katie Kramer netted four and other baskets were contributed by Shannon Sweeney, Michelle Danis and Kristen Swoboda.

The tireless Middlemiss poured through 25 points for the winners, while Johnson tossed in 18, Kaitlyn Gallo 11 and Meredith Waldie 10.



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ACBL season comes to a close

By Rick Harrison

St. Robert's A teams swept both Senior Division titles in the Andover Church Basketball League this winter, putting the finishing touches on their championships during recent season-ending play.

The SRA boys completed a perfect 100 campaign, and avoided a one-game first-

place playoff, when they beat runner-up St. Robert's B for the second time, 41-34, in the final game at the Andover High Field House.

Doug Powers and Jarrett Mackin combined for 29 points to lead the champs to victory.

Maggie Murphy hit a game-winning

free throw with one minute left, and Elizabeth Dwulet added an insurance basket with four seconds remaining, as St. Robert's A edged St. Augustine B, 11-8, in a special one-game playoff for the ACBL Senior Girls Division crown.

The Tuesday night play-off game at South School became necessary when Kelsey Farrell and Brigga Heelen led a balanced attack as St. Augustine B defeated St. Robert's A, 25-18, three days earlier to tie for first place.

SRA finished the season at 7-2 overall and St. Augustine B was 6-3.

SENIOR BOYS

Week 11
St. Robert's A 41
St. Robert's B 34

SRA led 15-12 at the half and managed to hold off intra-church rival SRB down the stretch in their showdown.

Doug Powers tossed in 15 points and Jarrett Mackin added 14 to lead the way.

Steve Renfro and Nick Halks netted 4 points each, while second-half baskets by Tim Bengston and Steve Russell completed the scoring.

Other members of the St. Robert's A team are Sean Branca, Adam Dolan, Mark Mazza, Matt Renfro and Joe Tornatore.

For SRB, which finished 8-2, center Tim Hughes hit a variety of shots on the way to a game-high 16 points in his strongest effort of the season.

Jonathan DeLeo scored 8 of his 9 points after the

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In the ESTATE OF
CATHERINE H. NEWELL

To all persons interested in the estate of CATHERINE H. NEWELL late of the County of Essex Date of Death, January 27, 2000

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by AVIS D. NEWELL of Portland in the State of Oregon praying that she be appointed executrix thereof, without giving sureties on her bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON April 10, 2000

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or

such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date March 7, 2000

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
March 16, 2000

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NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF
WILLIAM ROBINSON

To all persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM ROBINSON late of the County of Essex Date of Death, January 29, 2000

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by JUNE M. ROBINSON named in said will as JUNE ASGEIRSSON of Boston in the County of Suffolk praying that she be appointed executrix thereof, without giving sureties on her bond, NORMA ROBINSON, first named executrix in said will having deceased.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON April 10, 2000

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS



NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held in the THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, TOWN OFFICE BUILDING, BARTLET STREET, on THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2000 at 7:00 PM on the petition of TOWN OF ANDOVER, MA, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover, MA, for a special permit under Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section IV.B.43, and as a party aggrieved, for a review of a decision made by the Building Inspector, to allow processing of rock material for on site reuse on a lot in a residential zoning district. Premises affected is located at 11 CROSS STREET, ANDOVER, MA, in single residence district SRC, and is shown on the Assessor's Map 192 as Lot 6.

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ACBL season comes to a close; St. Robert's boys sweep titles

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break, while Patrick Bateson finished with 6 points, Matt Wolfman 2 and Jimmy Muller had a free throw.

Completing the St. Robert's B roster are Devin Connors, Conor Mogan, Louis Peracchi, Dan Righter, Ben Tomaszewski and Tommy White.

St. Augustine A 23

Ballardvale United 17

Ryan Shepard and Paul Tassinari pocketed 11 and 10 points respectively, propelling SAA to the victory.

Contributing a free throw each were David Musto and Jeff Sawyer.

Josh Burke paced United with 8 points, Neil McCarthy had 4, Anthony Camilo and Gary Luber a basket each and Matt Malloy converted a free throw.

South Church 39

Faith Lutheran 30

Trailing 15-14 at the half, South outscored Lutheran 25-15 after the break to nail down its sixth win.

The balanced South attack featured nine scorers, including co-highs Ryan Durkin and Mike Gibson with 8 each.

Brent Hyde, returning to the South lineup after

missing most of the season with a leg injury, tossed in 6 points as did Joel Keefe.

Dale Spollett notched 4 points, Alex Foley, Ben Carter and Pardeep Thandi produced a field goal apiece, and Dan Robichaud buried a free throw.

Jake Kleinman was game-high for Lutheran with 14 points, scoring 7 in each half and hitting 6-of-10 free throws.

Kevin Aufiero and Andy Hempstead followed with 7 points each and Fletch Irby had a second-half bucket.

St. Augustine D 29

St. Augustine C 16

Mark Thompson, the D-team's 6'2" center, was the difference as he pumped through a game-high 14 points.

Alex Marsh and Mark Radlinski produced 5 points each for the winners, who broke open a close 13-11 game with a 16-5 second-half scoring edge.

Nick Barash had a field goal, Jack Thorlin a pair of free throws and Steve Schade converted a foul shot to round out the winners' attack.

Ryan Donahue did all his scoring at the charity stripe, hitting 6-of-10 for SAC, while James Primes had 4 points and netting a field goal each were Brian Coffey, Matt Fabiani and Doug Washington.

Week 10

St. Robert's A 52

St. Augustine A 27

The undefeated division leaders won their ninth straight as Jarrett Mackin pumped in 16 points and quick guard Doug Powers 14 to spearhead the attack.

Nick Halks and Stephen Russell pocketed 8 points each and Tim Bengston 6 for SRA, which scored 26 points in each half.

Paul Tassinari sparked SAA with 12 points, Ryan Shepard added 8, Jeff Sawyer 4 and Sean Cummings 3.

St. Robert's B 39

Ballardvale United 22

Jonathan DeLeo, Jimmy Muller and Matt Wolfman netted 10 points each to pace once-beaten SRB to victory.

Tom White added 5 points, Louis Peracchi a field goal and Patrick Bateson 2 free throws for the victors who led 20-8 at the half.

Neil McCarthy scored 6 points for United while Alex Dezieck, Matt Hogan and Gary Luber contributed 4 each. Matt Malloy and Josh Burke tossed in a basket apiece.

Faith Lutheran 33

St. Augustine B 29

Lutheran used its height advantage and a 7-1 scoring edge at the free throw line to avert the

upset.

Big players Jake Kleinman and Fletch Irby paced the winners with 12 and 9 points respectively, while Andrew Hempstead and Kevin Aufiero completed the attack with 6 points each.

Mark Swoboda countered with 10 points for SAB while Tommy Cahill notched 6, Scott Mancinelli 5, Matt Furness 4, Brad Whiting 2 and Steve Deering 2.

Lutheran, which held a slim 14-13 halftime lead, hit 7-of-19 free throws to just 1-of-7 for St. Augustine B.

South Church 33

St. Augustine D 32

Game-high scorer Joel Keefe, who finished with 15 points, buried three straight free throws down the stretch to lift South to the tight triumph.

South led 19-14 at the half and was forced to hang on at the end.

Mike Gibson also scored 10 points, Ryan Durkin 6 (all in the first half) and Nick Zuill 2 for the winners.

Tough-luck St. Augustine D was led by Mark Thompson with 12 points, while Mark Radlinski and Geoff Shulik had 6 apiece.

Contributing a field goal each were Nick Barash, Alex Navarro, Nicholas Sullender and Colin Sullivan.

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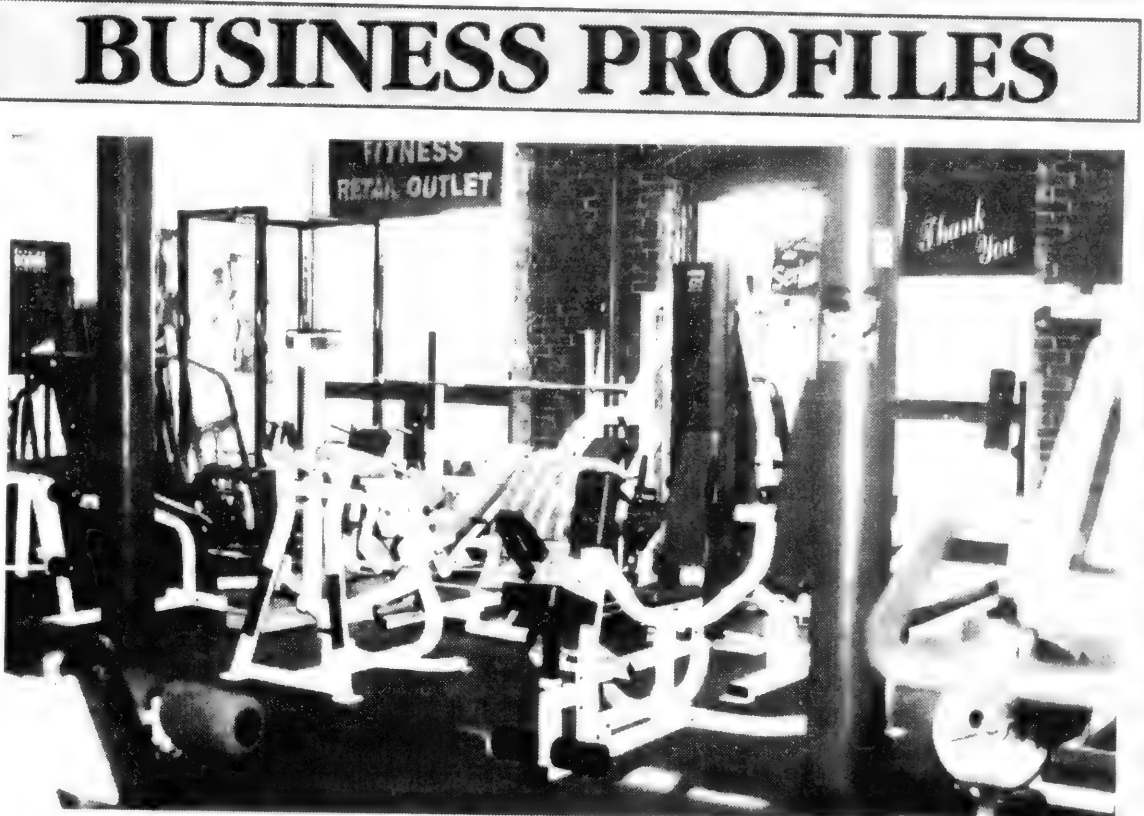
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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Monday, March 20, 2000 at 7:30 A.M. in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 82, Section 22, for the purpose of considering laying out the following streets: Alonesos Way, Farnham Circle, Heritage Lane, Acorn Drive, Basswood Lane, Buttonwood Drive, Hazelwood Circle, Meadow View Lane, Lincoln Circle East, Lincoln Circle West & Lillian Terrace, Freemont Lane, Pine Cone Lane, Sawyer Lane, Pipers Glen, discontinue Stonehedge Road as a public way, acceptance of land to provide additional width to Jenkins Road and acceptance of land to provide additional width to Stevens Street.

John P. Hess
Chairman
ANDOVER BOARD
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March 9 & 16, 2000

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The Andover Board of Health will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on Monday, March 20, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. in the Second Floor Conference Room, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover, MA for the purpose of receiving public comments relative to the following proposed regulation:

Andover Board of Health in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 111, Section 31 and Chapter 111, Section 122 and Chapter 111 Section 143, intends to promulgate the following regulation:

- (1) No person shall smoke in any publicly owned municipal vehicle including but not limited to police and fire vehicles, DPW vehicles, school department vehicles. Private owned vehicles utilized on a per diem or per mile allowance bases shall not be deemed municipal vehicle for purposes of this regulation.
- (2) Whoever violates this regulation shall be subject to penalties in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D (Administrative Penalties/Non-Criminal Disposition) as follows:
 - a. Fifty-Dollar fine for first offense.
 - b. One Hundred dollar fine for second offense and each offense thereafter.
- (3) The Board of Health may apply for injunctive relief to enforce the provisions of this regulation in any court of competent jurisdiction.
- (4) Any person aggrieved by the willful failure or refusal to comply with restrictions in any municipal vehicle may complain, in writing, to the Board of Health. The Board of Health or its agent shall respond, in writing, within twenty (20) working days to the complainant citing the results of its investigation into the complaint and any action taken to enforce the provisions of this regulation.
- (5) Compliance monitoring of this regulation and its requirements may be enforced through periodic inspections or other legal means including but not limited to the issuance of tickets in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D.
- (6) Severability.
 - a. Each provision of this regulation is construed as separate to the extent that if any section, item, sentence, clause or phrase is determined to be invalid for any reason, the remainder of this regulation shall continue in full force and effect.
- (7) Effective date.
 - a. The provisions of this regulation will become effective thirty (30) days from the date of publication in a newspaper of local jurisdiction.

Copies of the proposed regulation are available at the Office of the Board of Health, Department of Community Development and Planning, Town Offices, Bartlet Street, Andover, MA.

Douglas D. Dunbar, D.D.S.
Chairman
Andover Board of Health

March 16, 2000

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A design public hearing will be held by the Massachusetts Highway Department to discuss the proposed transportation improvements for Route 125, 5 Locations in the Towns of Andover and North Andover

WHERE: Memorial Hall Library
Elm Square
Andover, MA 01810

WHEN: Tuesday, March 21, 2000, 7:00PM

PURPOSE: To provide the public with an opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed traffic signal and safety improvement project. All views and comments made at this hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The project will address existing (and projected) traffic safety and operations deficiencies at five intersections along Route 125 in Andover and North Andover. The five intersections are Route 125 at Hillside Road, North Andover and Route 125 at Prospect Road, Route 125 at Salem Street/Stinson Road, Route 125 at Vine Street and Route 125 at Wildwood Road in Andover. The roadway and intersection improvements project is currently at the 25% design stage.

The proposed improvements involve implementation of traffic control devices and geometric modifications to improve safety and operations. Fully-actuated signal control is proposed for Route 125 at Hillside Road and Route 125 at Salem Street/Stinson Road, along with associated geometric improvements. Installation of geometric improvements, including exclusive left-turn lanes on Route 125, and signal flashers are proposed at Route 125 at Prospect Road and Route 125 at Wildwood Road. The existing closure at Route 125 at Vine Street is to be maintained and made more permanent. The estimated construction cost for the proposed improvements is approximately \$2.0 million.

A secure right of way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The State is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. The Department's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

Written views received by the Department subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements at the public hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Thomas F. Broderick, P.E., Chief Engineer Massachusetts Highway Department, Ten Park Plaza Boston Massachusetts 02116. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. The final date for receipt of these statements and exhibits will be ten (10) days after the public hearing.

Plans will be on display for one half hour before the hearing, with an Engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project.

MATHEW J. AMORELLO THOMAS F. BRODERICK P.E.
COMMISSIONER CHIEF ENGINEER
Boston, Massachusetts

March 9 & 16, 2000

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the POWER OF SALE contained in a certain mortgage given by Joseph R. Zagarella, to First Essex Savings dated September 11, 1986, and recorded in the Essex North District Registry of Deeds at Book 2305, Page 88, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **2:00 P.M. on March 31, 2000**, on the mortgaged premises now known as and numbered as **274 Lowell Street, Andover, Massachusetts**, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage:

TO WIT:

That certain parcel of land situated in Andover, in the County of Essex and said Commonwealth of Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated on the Southerly side of Lowell Street, in said Andover, containing 33,210 square feet and being Lot numbered three (3) as shown on plan of land entitled "Subdivisions and Acceptance Plan, Rolling Green, Subdivider John Philips Enterprises, Inc., Clinton F. Goodwin, Reg. Prof. Eng.", dated February 26, 1959, recorded with North Essex Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 3880, Section 1, Sheet 2 of 2, substantially bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY by Lowell Street, One hundred and thirty (130) feet;
NORTHEASTERLY by a curved line marking the intersection of Lowell Street and Wild Rose Drive thirty one and 42/100 (31.42) feet;
EASTERLY by Wild Rose Drive one hundred and seventy-five and 34/100 (175.34) feet;
SOUTHERLY by Lots numbered 30 and 29, as

shown on said plan one hundred and ninety (190) feet; and

WESTERLY

by Lot numbered 2, as shown on said plan, one hundred and ninety-nine and 76/100 (199.76) feet.

Said premises are conveyed subject to and with the benefit of an easement for drainage as shown on said plan.

There is granted herewith a right to the use of the way on said plan in common with others who may be entitled thereto.

Said premises are conveyed subject to covenants and restrictions recorded with said Registry of Deeds, Book 911, Page 133.

Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor by William A. Campagnone, Trustee of Campagnone Realty Trust, by deed, dated July 11, 1985, and recorded with the Essex North District Registry of Deeds at Book 2002, Page 148.

In the event of any typographical errors in the publication of this notice, the description in the Mortgage shall control.

Said premises will be sold subject to as above and subject to, and/or with the benefit of any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, liens arising from Chapter 183A, if any, and existing attachments and encumbrances of record, if there be any, and all encumbrances of record which have priority over said mortgage.

The premises will be sold in "as is" condition. The premises will be sold subject to all leases, tenancies and occupation having priority over said Mortgage, to tenancies or rights of parties in possession now or at the time of said auction which are subject to said Mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, and to laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances. Responsibility for eviction of any and all occupants will rest with the successful bidder. No adjustments will be made to the Purchaser for any reason including, without limitation, on account of rents, security deposits, commissions, fees, or other sums which were to have been in the possession or on account of the owner of the premises.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in cash or by certified or bank treasurer's or cashier's check must be presented at the time and place of the auction. The auctioneer will prequalify all bidders by requiring the showing of said amount prior to the completion of bidding. The Deposit shall be paid by the successful bidder as a non-refundable, earnest money deposit towards the purchase price.

The full balance of the purchase price is to be paid in cash or by certified or bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days thereafter (or the next business day if the 30th day falls on a day when the Registry of Deeds is not open for business) to be deposited with the firm of Bartlett Hackett Feinberg P.C., 10 High Street, Suite 920, Boston Massachusetts 02110, at which time the deed will be delivered. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale at the public auction containing the terms herein and any additional terms set forth in the Memorandum of Sale or announced at the public auction. The deposit shall be forfeited to the Mortgagee if the successful bidder does not comply strictly with the terms of the Memorandum of Sale.

In the event that a sale to the highest bidder is not consummated, the mortgagee reserves the right in its sole discretion to offer and to sell to other bidders, in descending order beginning with the next highest bidder, or to assume the bid of any defaulting or declining bidder.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone this sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

The successful bidder will be responsible for any recording fees, deed stamps, and tax excise fees, and brokers' and auctioneers' commissions associated with the purchase of the premises.

Other terms, if any, shall be announced at the sale.

BOONSLICK BANK

Present holder of said mortgage
Thomas M. Looney
Attorney for Mortgagee
Bartlett Hackett Feinberg P.C.
10 High Street - Suite 920
Boston, MA 02110
Telephone: 617/422-0200

Auctioneer:

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March 9, 16 and 23, 2000

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

Essex Division
Docket No. 00C 0056-CA1
NOTICE OF
CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in the petition hereinafter described.

A petition has been presented to said Court by **MARY KELLEY CONWAY** of Andover, Essex County praying that her name may be changed as follows:

MARY KELLEY CONWAY TO

KERRY LYRALEN KAYE

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-seventh day of March, 2000.

WITNESS, Edward J. Rockett Esquire, First Judge of said Court at Salem, this twenty-eighth day of February, 2000

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate
March 16, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT (SEAL) Case No. 262614

To **Janine A. Mulligan** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: Credit-Based Asset Servicing and Securitization, LLC claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property in Andover, MA property numbered A2 Colonial Drive Condominium given by Janine A. Mulligan to First Franklin Financial Corporation, dated May 4, 1999, recorded at Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 5420, Page 304, and now held by the Plaintiff by Assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 17th day of April 2000, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, **PETER W. KILBORN**, Chief Justice of said Court this 6th day of March, 2000.

Charles W. Trombly, Jr.
Recorder
March 16, 2000

475-7000

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION Docket No. 00P0364-EP1 NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF **TIMOTHY JOHN LANE, JUNIOR** otherwise known as **TIMOTHY J. LANE, JUNIOR**

To all persons interested in the estate of **TIMOTHY JOHN LANE**, otherwise known as **TIMOTHY J. LANE, JUNIOR** late of the County of Essex Date of Death, November 2, 1999.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by **KATHLEEN M. LANE** of Andover in the County of Essex, praying that she be appointed executrix thereof, without giving sureties on her bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON April 3, 2000

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date February 25, 2000

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
March 16, 2000

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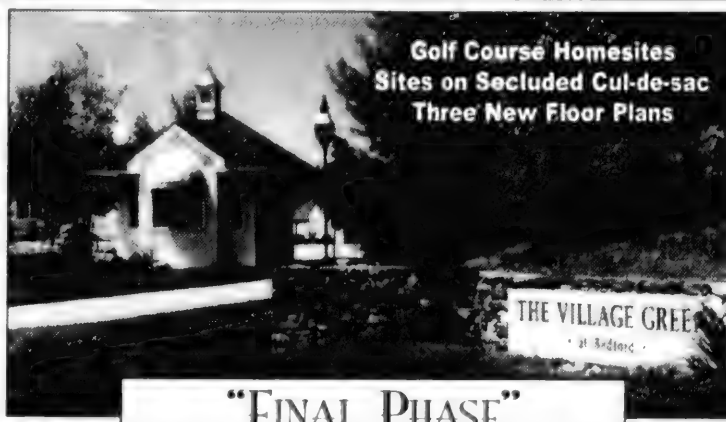
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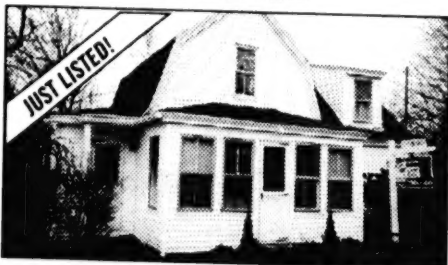


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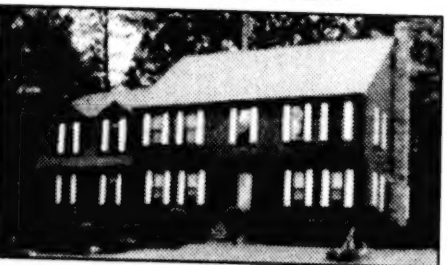
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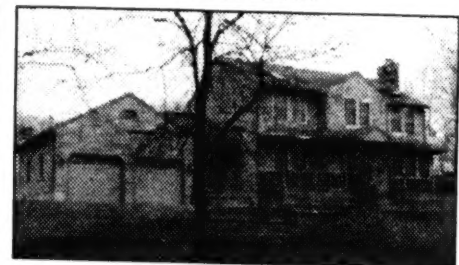
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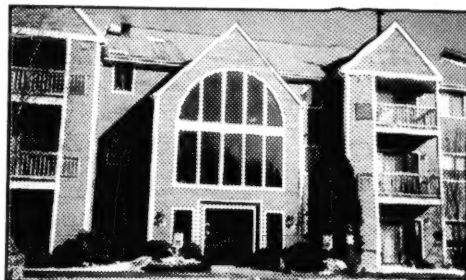
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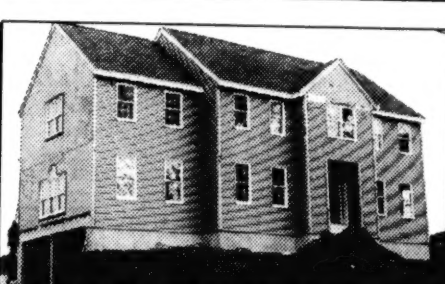
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NO. ANDOVER Just being built! Handsome 3,150 sf, 9 room, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial with Corian kitchen, gas fireplace, central air, large master bedroom with walk-in closet... great value! Call for details today!
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ANDOVER Phillips Academy Area! English Tudor style Colonial setback on private lot with flowering & mature plantings. 10 rooms, 27'x18' cathedral ceiling heated solarium with 63' surrounding decks, 27' oak kitchen with new appliances open to fireplaced family room near 26'x28' cathedral ceiling great room with wet bar.. See it Sunday.
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BOXFORD Brand new 4,400 sf Colonial in Aldershot Estates. 9 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage, huge gourmet kitchen with granite counters, 2 fireplaces, 1st floor library, wonderful detail molding, 23' x 31' family room. Outstanding property and location!
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OPEN SUNDAY 1-3

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ANDOVER "Fieldstone Meadows" You must see the inside of this magnificent architect designed home! Elegant foyer with circular structure, all very generous and beautifully appointed rooms, vaulted ceilings in great room just 2 steps up from huge kitchen, fireplaced study... still early enough to add your own personality!
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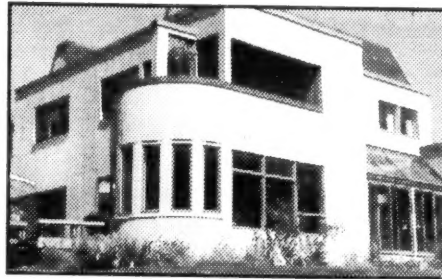
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ANDOVER - This top quality custom home exemplifies modern living. Sited on a wonderful private acre lot and is close to Phillips Academy, Bancroft and the Pike schools. Featuring a chef's dream kitchen with all of the amenities, walk-in pantry, stunning glass enclosed room which views conservation land and so much more. Includes 9 rooms, 4/5 bedrooms, 3 full baths, finished full basement, deck and patios, and many energy saving features. **\$719,000**



OPEN HOUSE SUN 1-3:30
204 Osgood St.



NORTH ANDOVER - JUST LISTED! Quality built 4 year young, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Cape with 2 car attached garage. This home is in walking distance to the common and schools. Light and bright with hardwood floors, an open floor plan & lovely screened porch. The super family room has a cathedral ceiling, skylights and a stone fireplace. It doesn't get much better than this! VRM 39 Seller to consider offers in range **\$369,000 - \$428,876**. A new listing by Pam Lebowitz X265!



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ANDOVER - Rare opportunity to own a wonderful antique farmhouse on 1.84 acres. Here, the past and present converge to give you the best of both worlds, updated for today, but still retains charm of yesteryear. Great cabinet packed kitchen with lovely breakfast nook, formal dining room and great family room with cathedral ceiling and sliders to private deck. Four bedrooms and cozy den complete this great home. Call Joan Lewis at X223! **\$329,900**



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NORTH ANDOVER - NEW PRICE! Meticulously maintained 5 room Ranch on quiet street awaits your furniture. Many renovations including new roof, new gutters, driveway, & new windows. The homeowners have added special touches and lots of interior upgrades as well. Wall to wall, hardwood floors, full basement, central air, and finished loft area. Great home for first time buyers or retirees. Call Debbie X126. **\$199,900**



OPEN HOUSE SUN 1-3
35 Washington Avenue



ANDOVER - Intown Colonial is in move-in condition! "Light and bright" and located in a great neighborhood. This 8 room, 4 plus bedroom home is ready for your furniture. Nicely updated, shining hardwood floors, fireplace, new windows and much more. VRM 38 Call Pam Lebowitz X265. Seller to entertain offers between **\$339,000 - \$398,876**.



NORTH ANDOVER - fabulous location and four years young is this stunning 9 room contemporary Colonial with 2700+ sq. ft. of living space. High ceilings, spacious interiors, beautiful views, and light and bright throughout. A white kitchen, four bedrooms, two and a half baths, and sparkling hardwood floors. Set high on a beautiful and surrounded by trees. Enjoy both indoor/outdoor living and entertaining in this terrific home! Call Nick x121. **\$479,900**

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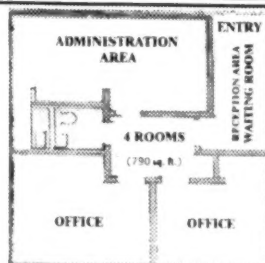
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JUST LISTED

ANDOVER - Set on a secluded 1.44 acre lot yet convenient to major highways, this seven room Ranch has 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, an eat-in kitchen, fireplaced living room and formal dining room. A private rear yard with a stream and nearby walking trails for nature lovers. New septic system to be installed. A new listing by Jack Hewitt X228! **\$249,900**



JUST LISTED

NORTH ANDOVER - Sunny corner unit on the top floor at Meadowview has three bedrooms! Spacious rooms and sliders to balcony. Nearly new refrigerator, dishwasher, range and wall unit air conditioner. Additional storage in attic. Enjoy the pool and easy access to major roads and highways! A new listing by Michael Sibulesky X247 **\$110,000**



ANDOVER - Intown contemporary with pond view. Large airy rooms for both formal and casual entertaining. Master suite or two bedrooms on main level. Family room with fireplace, computer room, 2 bedrooms and bath on walkout lower level. Fireplaced living and dining rooms and large deck across back of house. Additional 2.74 acres available. **\$469,900**



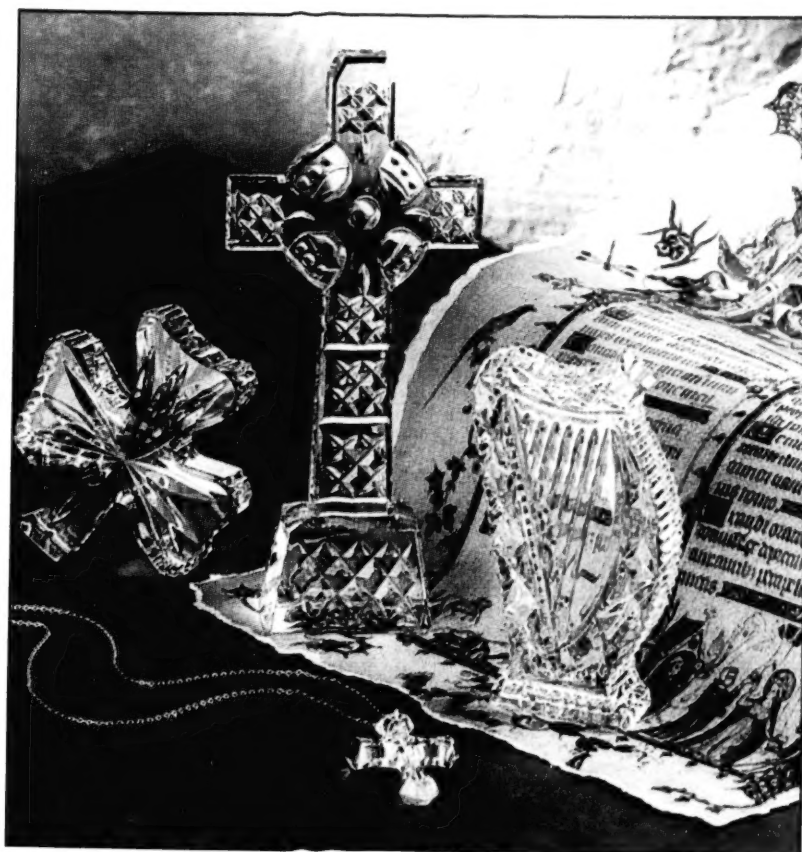
METHUEN - Homestead Acres Colonial! Sunny and bright spacious 8 room Colonial has 4 bedrooms, and 2.5 baths. Updated cherry kitchen with center island, double oven and many extras. Dining room with bay window, family room, fireplace, pretty foyer, exposed beams; southern sunroom with cathedral ceiling and fan. A walk-up attic; 40 X 16 inground pool and chain link fence, full basement and oversized 2 car attached garage. Call "The Moody Team" X251. **\$289,900**



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